



**Inside**

*Quick Victory, Slow Torture*  
**ULTIMATE WARRIOR'S PLAN  
TO PUNISH HONKY TONK MAN**

March 1989

47727

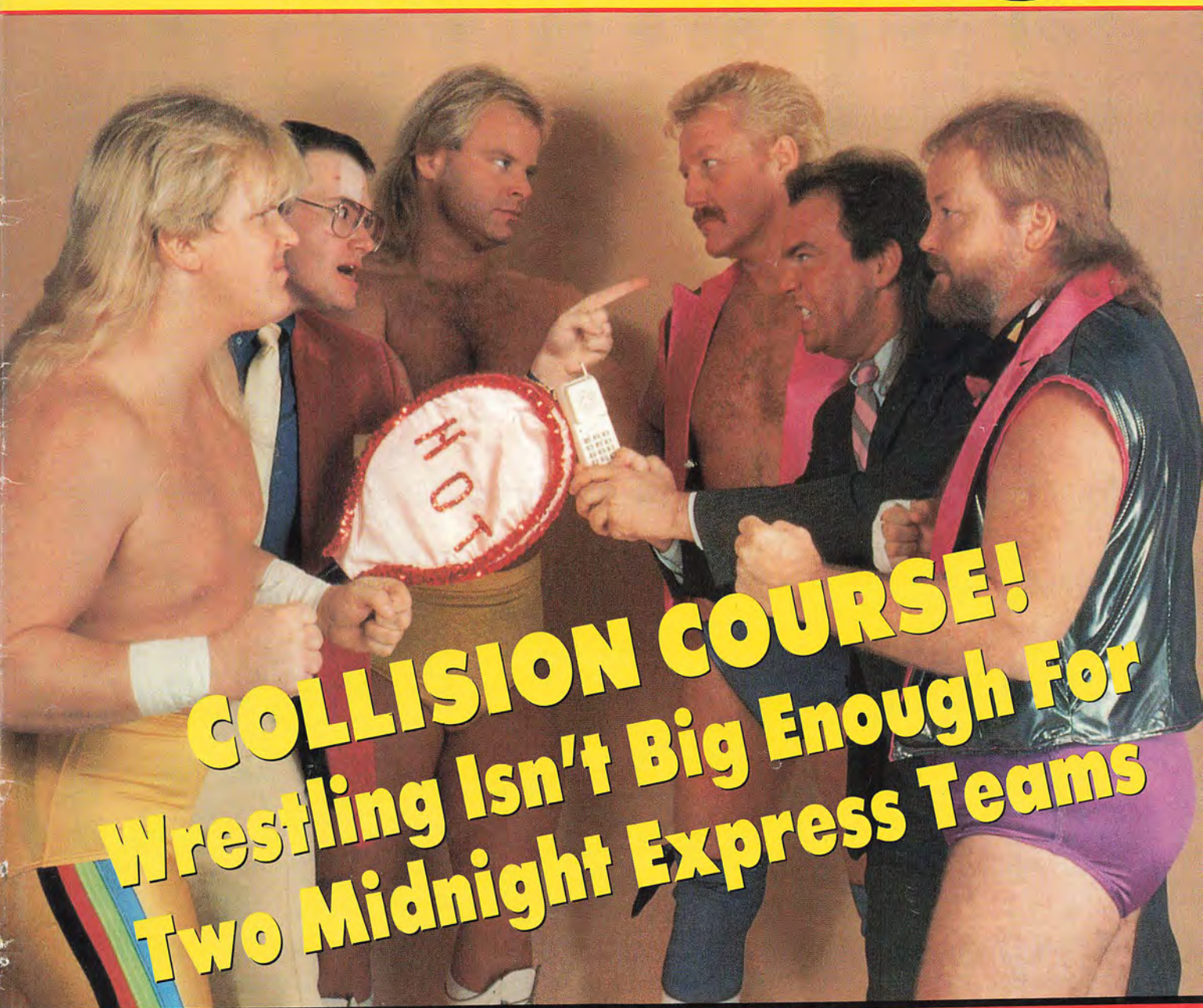
\$1.95 U.S.

\$2.50 Canada

£1.35 U.K.

# Wrestling

FROM THE PUBLISHERS OF PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED



**COLLISION COURSE!**  
**Wrestling Isn't Big Enough For**  
**Two Midnight Express Teams**

*Beaten By His Own Hand:*  
**WILL THE CLAWHOLD  
DESTROY KEVIN  
VON ERICH?**

*The Curt Hennig Story:*  
**"MR. PERFECT'S" NOT-  
SO-PERFECT PAST ...  
AND PRESENT!**





# **ON SALE NOW!** ***THE BIG ONE!***

***The Spectacular  
Year-End Double Issue Of***



***The Most Celebrated Magazine Event Of The Year—  
Don't Miss It!***

---

**100 power-packed pages, including full-color full-page  
portraits of 1988's best wrestlers and matches!**

---

**Achievement '88 award winners in 10 categories**

---

**The riotous, ridiculous, and revealing  
1988: The Year In Review**

---

**Exclusive "*PW*Index" of every wrestler who appeared  
in the pages of *PWI*—and its sister publications—  
for the entire year!**

---

**Your own "Unofficial Official Awards" for 1988**

---

**Predictions for 1989**

---

**Special features and columns**

***PWI*'s incredible 100-page super spectacular year-end collectors' edition  
is cover-dated "March 1989" and is on sale right now! It's sure to be a  
newsstand sellout, so get yours early!**

**Go With The Leader—The Best Keeps Getting Better!**

# SHOW THE WORLD YOU'RE A TRUE WRESTLING FAN!



**PWI T-SHIRT**



**PWI CAP**



**PWI SKYFLYER**

## NOW AVAILABLE

**A FULL LINE OF TOP-QUALITY  
MERCHANDISE FROM THE LARGEST-  
SELLING, MOST RESPECTED  
WRESTLING MAGAZINE IN THE WORLD**



### THE PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED T-SHIRT

A favorite among wrestling fans for years. These high-quality, silk-screened shirts are a fashion blend of 50% comfortable cotton and 50% long-wearing polyester. The official *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* T-shirt is crimson-red with white lettering and comes in a selection of four sizes: small, medium, large, and extra large. Only \$7.00.

### THE PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED CAP

The perfect companion to the PWI T-shirt. A bright crimson-red hat emblazoned with a white *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* logo in unique raised lettering for a spectacular three-dimensional look and feel. Be the first fan in your neighborhood to wear one! Top-quality, long-wearing—one size fits all. Only \$7.00.

### THE PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED "SKYFLYER"

Get ready for summer fun the whole year-round with the only flying disc to bear the official *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* name. A bright red disc with yellow and white lettering, the PWI "Skyflyer" is constructed of sturdy plastic for years of enjoyment. A full 9 1/4 inches in diameter. Only \$5.00.

### THE PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED BUMPER STICKER

The *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* logo is reproduced in dynamic red on a bright yellow background. This giant sticker (3 3/4 inches by 15 inches) is specially made of high-quality vinyl for easy application and removal. A guaranteed eye-catcher wherever you place it! Only \$2.00.

### THE PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED BUTTON

Wear the *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* button proudly on your shirt, jacket, or hat to show the world you love pro wrestling. A sturdy button with safety pin backing, the official PWI button is oblong in shape and measures 1 3/4 inches by 2 3/4 inches. Dynamic red logo on bright yellow background. Only \$1.00.

### SPECIAL BONUS OFFER: DELUXE SUPERFAN PACKAGE!

ALL FIVE ITEMS! YOU'LL RECEIVE: ONE T-SHIRT, ONE HAT, ONE SKYFLYER, TWO BUMPER STICKERS, AND TWO BUTTONS! THAT'S A \$25.00 VALUE FOR THE SPECIAL LOW PRICE OF ONLY \$19.95 (save over \$5.00!) THE PERFECT BIRTHDAY OR HOLIDAY GIFT FOR ANY WRESTLING FAN!



**PWI BUMPER STICKER**



**PWI BUTTON**



**DELUXE PACKAGE**

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
<b>PWI T-SHIRT</b> (specify size: s,m,l,xl)	\$7.00 ea.		
<b>PWI CAP</b>	\$7.00 ea.		
<b>PWI SKYFLYER</b>	\$5.00 ea.		
<b>PWI BUMPER STICKER</b>	\$2.00 ea.		
<b>PWI BUTTON</b>	\$1.00 ea.		
<b>PWI DELUXE PACKAGE</b>	\$19.95 ea.		

**TOTAL AMOUNT**

SHIRT SIZE ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ XLarge

Send To:

TV SPORTS

Box 48

Rockville Centre, NY 11571

Make checks payable to TV SPORTS, INC.

**MINIMUM ORDER \$2.00**

NAME

ADDRESS

APT

CITY

STATE ZIP

Minimum order: \$2.00 (U.S. FUNDS ONLY). Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Do not send coins. Offer good in U.S. and Canada only. Foreign orders please add \$3.00.



THE MAGAZINE THAT RIPS  
THE LID OFF PRO WRESTLING

INSIDE

# Wrestling

## CONTENTS/MARCH 1989

- 6 **SINCERELY YOURS**  
Back And Better; Wants Honesty; Where's The Ban?
- 8 **EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK** by Stu Saks  
Imagine if both Midnight Express teams united!
- 10 **BEHIND THE DRESSING ROOM DOOR** by David Rosenbaum  
A quest through Queens in search of The Ultimate Warrior
- 12 **ON THE ROAD** with Craig Peters  
Could Bam Bam Bigelow be the next member of The Four Horsemen?
- 14 **NAMES MAKIN' NEWS** by Bill Apter  
All the latest news as of press time
- 16 **THE INSIDER** by Eddie Ellner  
The WWF continues to expand onward—but is it upward?
- 18 **ON ASSIGNMENT** by Liz Hunter  
A rejuvenated Don Muraco looks to the future
- 20 **WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**  
Updates on four major mat stars
- 21 **CAPSULE PROFILE #152**  
A mini-biography plus pinup of Jeff Jarrett
- 24 **NEWS FROM THE WRESTLING CAPITALS**  
Eyewitness coverage of the month's major matches
- 26 **MATT BROCK'S PLAIN SPEAKING**  
Of survivors, snakes, and sudden superstars
- 29 **BEATEN BY HIS OWN HAND: WILL THE CLAWHOLD DESTROY KEVIN VON ERICH?**  
A Japanese master wants to best Von Erich at his own game
- 32 **THE CURT HENNIG STORY:**  
"MR. PERFECT'S" NOT-SO-PERFECT PAST . . . AND PRESENT!  
It hasn't been total perfection for this WWF rulebreaker
- 34 **COLLISION COURSE!**  
**WRESTLING ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR TWO MIDNIGHT EXPRESS TEAMS**  
Batten down the hatches when Dangerously meets Cornette
- 36 **QUICK VICTORY, SLOW TORTURE:**  
**ULTIMATE WARRIOR'S PLAN TO PUNISH HONKY TONK MAN**  
It wasn't enough to win the Intercontinental title—the Warrior wants more
- 38 **RICK STEINER: "I'M NOT SO DUMB—I LEFT THE VARSITY CLUB!"**  
This NWA favorite tells all in an odd "Hotseat" interview
- 42 **ROBERT FULLER & JIMMY GOLDEN: THE TENNESSEE VIOLENCE AUTHORITY!**  
Thanks to them, no one has been able to halt The Stud Stable
- 46 **ONE ON ONE**  
Kendall Windham vs. Barry Windham
- 64 **OFFICIAL WRESTLING RATINGS**  
Top 15 rankings in seven important categories
- 65 **INSIDE WRESTLING ROLL CALL OF CHAMPIONS**  
The most comprehensive championship directory available anywhere
- 66 **BLAST FROM THE PAST**  
This month in wrestling history

FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
Stanley Weston

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT  
Stuart M. Saks

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT  
Donnilyn Downs Cricchio

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ..... Stuart M. Saks  
MANAGING EDITOR ..... Craig Peters  
SENIOR EDITOR ..... Bill Apter  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR ..... David Rosenbaum  
ASSISTANT EDITORS ..... Andy Rodriguez  
..... Eddie Ellner  
..... Bob Smith  
..... Gersh Kuntzman  
..... Richard Countis  
..... Jeff Ryan  
..... Steve Farhood

ART DIRECTOR ..... Kenneth Morgan  
ART ASSOCIATE ..... Charles Foster  
..... Joseph Kalman

ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITORS .... Kevin McManus  
..... Roy London

VICE PRESIDENT—MEDIA RELATIONS  
Bill Apter

VICE PRESIDENT—ART DIRECTION  
Kenneth Morgan

VICE PRESIDENT—EDITORIAL DIRECTION  
Craig Peters

VICE PRESIDENT—SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES  
Natalie Carollo

ADVERTISING/MARKETING DIRECTOR  
Craig Peters

CIRCULATION DIRECTOR  
Kenneth J. Gudatis

SUBSCRIPTIONS SERVICES DIRECTOR  
Natalie Carollo

DIRECTOR PRODUCT FULFILLMENT  
Dina Meekins

SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES ASSISTANT  
Jacqueline Novellino

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
Katherine Derasmo

MAILING FULFILLMENT  
Arthur Esposito—Chief  
Allan Holman

Cover photos:  
Express vs. Express  
by Bill Apter  
Warrior vs. Honky Tonk  
by David Fitzgerald

INSIDE WRESTLING is published monthly by G.C. London Publishing Assoc., Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571. Single copy price \$1.95 (\$2.50 in Canada, £1.35 in U.K.). Not responsible for the loss or nonreturn of unsolicited articles or photographs, which will not be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed envelope bearing the proper amount of postage. No part of this magazine may be reproduced without the written permission of the publisher. All rights reserved. **Printed in U.S.A.**

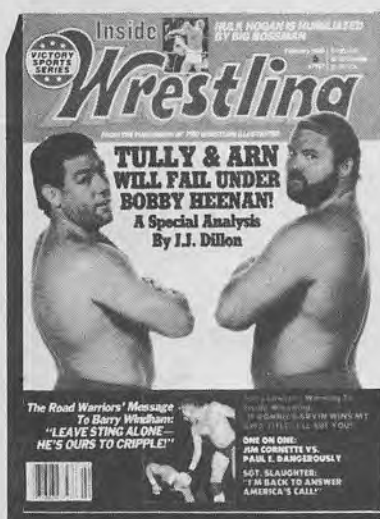


# WRESTLING'S GREATEST SUBSCRIPTION DEAL

LIKE GETTING  
**10**  
ISSUES  
FREE

## Save 43% Off The Regular Newsstand Price!

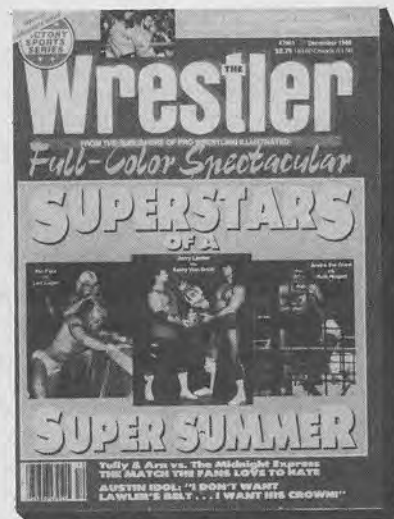
Your savings in ordering a combination subscription to **Inside Wrestling** and **The Wrestler** is the equivalent of getting **10 ISSUES FREE!**



**INSIDE WRESTLING**  
(Published Monthly)

INSIDE WRESTLING and THE WRESTLER cover all the excitement and drama of wrestling—not just in one federation, but in all of them! Honest hard-hitting coverage of your favorite sport has made INSIDE WRESTLING and THE WRESTLER favorites of fans for over two decades. Our staff of reporters and photographers bring you ringside action like no other magazines can!

Subscribe now and receive the next 12 issues of either INSIDE WRESTLING or THE WRESTLER for just \$17. Or subscribe to both magazines and receive 24 action-packed issues (including specials!) for the bargain price of just \$27—a savings of \$20 off the regular newsstand price! And every issue will be delivered directly to your door in a protective manila envelope to help prevent damage during shipping.



**THE WRESTLER**  
(Published Monthly)

## 24 SENSATIONAL ISSUES FOR ONLY \$27.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND SEND TO:

**T.V. SPORTS**  
**Box 48**  
**Rockville Centre, NY 11571**

On new subscriptions, please allow up to eight weeks before you receive your first magazine

- ☐ **INSIDE WRESTLING—\$17.00** 12 issues  
☐ **THE WRESTLER—\$17.00** 12 issues  
☐ **BOTH MAGAZINES—\$27.00** 24 issues

Please enter my subscription for the magazine(s) I have checked above.  
 I am enclosing proper payment in full. (U.S. FUNDS ONLY)

- ☐ **Renewal**  
☐ **New Subscription**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT.# \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

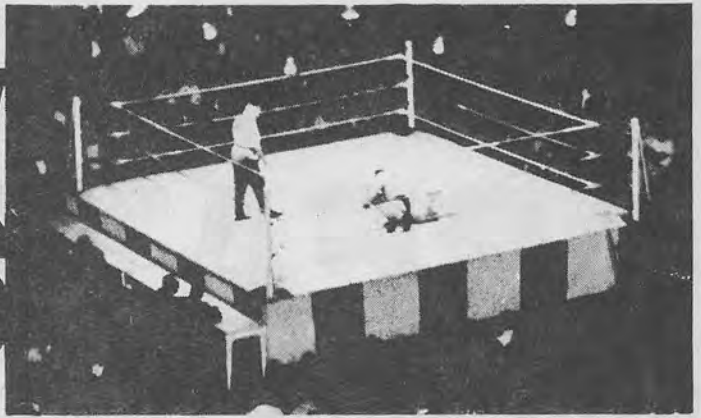
(U.S. FUNDS ONLY. Offer good in U.S. and Canada. All other countries please send \$21 for each single subscription and \$32 for each combination subscription.)



SEND LETTERS TO:

# SINCERELY YOURS

BOX 48  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. 11571



## TULLY AND ARN FALLOUT

Tully Blanchard and Arn Anderson made the biggest mistake of their careers by going to the WWF. That's right, "biggest."

If they had stayed in the NWA, they could have regained their NWA World tag team title. But no, they had to split town after they lost. In the past, they have lost belts, yet always stuck around to reclaim them. They could have continued that process at Starrcade.

Were they just too lazy to make a concentrated effort at winning back the title this time? I don't know, but leaving a federation as losers is a lot worse than leaving as winners. The Powers of Pain know that very well.

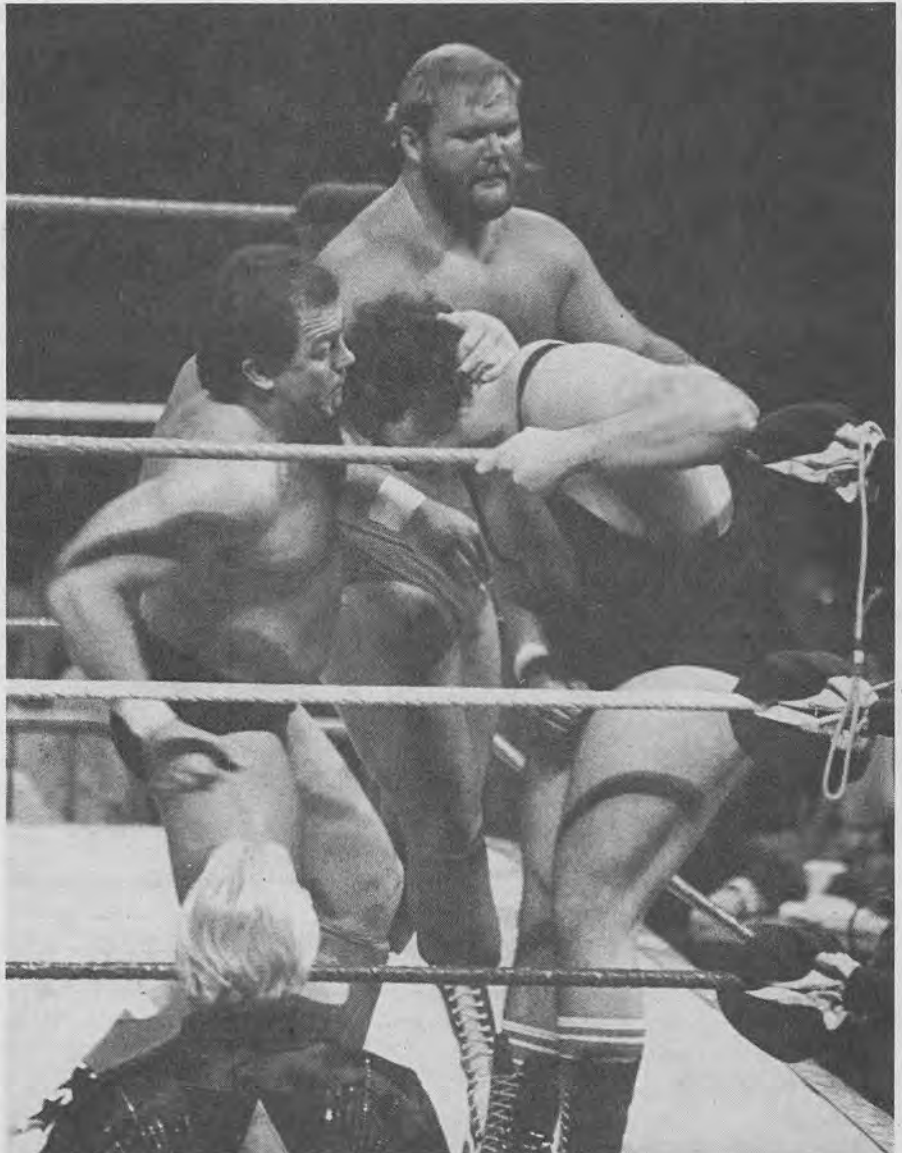
Maybe Tully and Arn had good reason to leave the NWA; I still think it was a bad move.

CHUCK LOUGHIN  
Westchester, PA

I really enjoyed Bob Smith's "Hotseat" interview with Arn Anderson in your January 1989 issue. Arn is not only a fine wrestler, he is also an articulate speaker.

Many people have expressed concern over Arn and Tully Blanchard's defection to the WWF. Even Matt Brock doesn't think they'll be successful in the glitz-and-glamor environment of the WWF. I disagree!

Tully and Arn have so much talent and ring intelligence, they can be tag team champions in *any* federation! Just look at a list of teams Tully and Arn have beaten over the years: The Rock 'n' Roll Express, Lex Luger and Barry Windham, The Road Warriors,



When Tully Blanchard and Arn Anderson left the NWA for the WWF, fans divided into two camps: those, like Chuck Loughin, who felt the former Horsemen made a big mistake, and fans like Randy Bunt, who think Tully and Arn will be one of the most successful teams in the federation.

and The Fantastics. All of those teams make Demolition look like two preliminary bums. In addition, both Tully and Arn pose serious threats to Randy Savage and Ultimate Warrior's titles.

So, Matt Brock, you can put your

worries to rest. Tully and Arn are two of the fiercest and most intelligent wrestlers in the sport. They will find great success in the WWF.

RANDY BUNT  
San Diego





The Road Warriors' turn against their friends and their fans is welcomed by reader Mike Durney, who was afraid that Hawk and Animal were getting soft.

### BACK AND BETTER

I think it was about time The Road Warriors busted out of Dusty Rhodes' shadow. For too long, the Warriors had gotten soft and lost their edge. The same thing has been happening to Dusty for years, and the Warriors seemed to have been trapped by his gravitational pull into mediocrity.

I am definitely one fan who was heartened by the Warriors' rejection of Dusty, Sting, and all the bandwagon-jumping fans. Where were these fans when the Warriors were the meanest team in wrestling? I didn't see anyone cheering for the Roadies when they were the AWA World tag team champions. Well, I was cheering then, and I'm cheering now.

Sure, I understand that the Warriors don't care if I cheer or not, but I want everyone to know how much admiration I have for this awesome team. If they hadn't finally shaken the vile influence of that fat cow Rhodes, the viciousness that had become a Warrior trademark might have been forgotten.

Let everyone in the wrestling world know the truth: The Road Warriors are back to their old selves. They'll cripple anyone they have to. Hey, isn't that the way it should be?

MIKE DURNEY  
Jamaica, NY

### WANTS HONESTY

I'm ready to explode. I've been a longtime fan of wrestling. I like the WWF, but in the last five years the AWA has also become a favorite. Right now, I'm fed up. The other night on ESPN, longtime AWA fans were treated like idiots.

During the broadcast, the AWA announcers were discussing the upcoming Madusa Miceli and Bad Company vs. Wendi Richter and Top Guns match, which is scheduled to take place at SuperClash III. While I agree that this match might become Match of the Year, I could not believe that the announcers said it was the first such (two men and one woman per team) match-up. Is the AWA now following the WWF's tactics by lying to the fans and ignoring wrestling's illustrious history?

On Thanksgiving Day 1986, Sherri Martel teamed with Buddy Rose and Doug Somers to take on The Midnight Rockers and Despina Montagues. The match was an exciting, high-flying contest. Just because Martel and the Rockers have ventured over to the WWF is no reason for the AWA to forget that classic match. I assure you, *real* AWA fans have not forgotten it. The federation shouldn't, either.

JOHN FEENEY  
Sea Isle City, NJ

### WHERE'S THE BAN?

I must admit that I don't always agree with some of your stories or columns. However, your January 1989 story, "Memo To The WWF: Ban The Helmet—Or Ban Hulk Hogan," was one of the best stories in a long while.

The story summed up the way the WWF is. They let Hogan get away with absolutely anything and everything. If Andre the Giant or Ted DiBiase wore a helmet in the ring, do you think the WWF would allow it? Of course not! But since it's the almighty Hogan wearing the helmet, then it's all right.



Reader Christopher Bridges agrees with *Inside Wrestling*: Hulk Hogan should *not* be allowed to wear a helmet into the ring.

Hopefully, the WWF will read your article and do something about this pathetic situation. Or, better yet, maybe someone will take the helmet from Hogan and teach him a lesson or two. It would certainly be about time!

CHRISTOPHER BRIDGES  
Monticello, GA

### MEN WITHOUT A HOME

In keeping with the recently signed Free Trade Agreement between our two countries, Canada is giving the United States Jacques and Raymond Rougeau. You can keep them!

Whenever the Rougeaus come "home" to Montreal, they are just as

(Continued on page 48)



# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Stu  
Saks

Editor-in-Chief

It was easier to get the two Midnight Express teams together for this issue's cover photo than you might think.

"I used simple psychology," photographer Bill Apter reports. "First I went to Dangerously and told him that Cornette had agreed to pose, but that he said Dangerously would be too scared to show up in the same photo studio. Then I went to Cornette and told him the opposite.

"They both said they'd be there."

A strange thought occurred to me after I edited the story on page 34, "Collision Course! Wrestling Is Not Big Enough For Two Midnight Express Teams." What if Dangerously and Cornette decided that their war was senseless and that they could get a lot more accomplished if they united?

A four-man team of Bobby Eaton, Stan Lane, Dennis Condrey, and Randy Rose—managed by both Dangerously and Cornette—would be awesome! Of course, for this to work there would have to be six major-league egos checked at the door—and that's a lot easier said than done.

But I can see it working, at least for a little while. And I think that one man, J.J. Dillon, is aware of this. Dillon has been awfully quiet about his plans to recruit new members to complete The Four Horsemen. But I think he's got a plan, and I find Craig Peters' theory about Bam Bam Bigelow in "On The Road" (page 12) fascinating. Dillon, in my opinion, is hanging low until Dangerously and Cornette are fully embroiled in war, then he's going to make an announcement about the new Horsemen that will rock the wrestling world.

At that point, it will be too late for a four-man Midnight Express to ever form. But if Dangerously and Cornette could unite their men now, they will force Dillon's hand, and we could have a feud that would make Midnights vs. Midnights pale by comparison.



The  
**WRESTLING  
Ring**

4319 Old Milford Mill Rd. Baltimore, MD 21208  
Phone Orders Call: (301) 484-9651



# WWF Superstar Watches

The official WWF  
digital watch  
with five  
functions—  
full color  
photo  
superstars!

Only  
**\$7.99**  
each

One  
Year  
Warranty!

*Wear the Belts  
like the Champs*

One size fits all  
up to size 34  
waist.

NAME _____		APT # _____	
ADDRESS _____		CITY _____	
Please use street address - Fastest delivery		STATE _____	
ZIP CODE _____	PHONE ( ) _____		

QUAN	Description	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
	HULK HOGAN WATCH	\$7.99	
	RANDY "MACHO MAN" SAVAGE WATCH	\$7.99	
	MISS ELIZABETH WATCH	\$7.99	
	JAKE "THE SNAKE" ROBERTS WATCH	\$7.99	
	RICKY "THE DRAGON" STEAMBOAT WATCH	\$7.99	
	KOKO B. WARE WATCH	\$7.99	
	HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION BELT	\$12.50	
	HEAVYWEIGHT TAG TEAM BELTS — 2 per pack	\$21.99	
	SHIRTS, OUTFITS & NOVELTIES CATALOG	\$2.00	
<b>INW-MJ</b>		SUB	
PLEASE INCLUDE POSTAGE AND HANDLING USING THIS CHART		TOTAL	
Up to \$24.00 ..... \$2.75		MD Residents add 5% Sales Tax	
\$24.01 - \$39.99 ..... \$3.75		Outside Continental U.S. Include appropriate S/H plus \$7.50	
\$40.00 - \$49.99 ..... \$4.75		HANDLING CHARGES (See Chart)	
\$50.00 - \$74.99 ..... \$5.75		Outside Continental U.S. include Handling Charge plus \$7.50	
\$75.00 or more ..... \$6.75		TOTAL	

**PLEASE INDICATE METHOD OF PAYMENT**

☐ Check ☐ MasterCard (16 digits)

☐ Money Order ☐ VISA (13 or 16 digits)

YOUR CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Have you filled out your credit card no. completely?) ☐ MOYR

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Please allow 2 weeks delivery depending on stock availability.

All merchandise is shipped UPS

**NEW!!**  
Just Arrived  
**\$21.99** per  
Tagteam Set

Original  
Champion Belt  
Still Only  
**\$12.50** each

# 'TOP SECRET'

## Behind the Dressing Room Door

by David  
Rosenbaum

**I**F EVER THERE was a wrestler that looks like he comes from parts unknown, it's The Ultimate Warrior.

With fierce war paint on his face, a body that looks like muscles on top of bone with no flesh in between, and a name that belies any prior connection to a mother and father, the Warrior seems to be one of the most mysterious men in the sport.

But that's not the case.

The Ultimate Warrior, as it turns out, comes from Queens, one of the five boroughs of New York City. It's the home of baseball's New York Mets, the 1964-65 World's Fair, LaGuardia and Kennedy airports, Aqueduct Race-track, the National Tennis Center, hundreds of delicatessens, bowling alleys, and numerous other landmarks that make Queens anything *but* mysterious.

Queens, in fact, is an unusual combination of suburb and city, quite unlike any of the other four boroughs. There are the wooded neighborhoods of Forest Hills and Douglaston, with their luxurious private homes; middle-class neighborhoods like Floral Park; busy city streets, such as Queens Boulevard, with its various ethnic neighborhoods; and the ghettos, such as South Jamaica, Corona, and the area around Aqueduct known as Ozone Park.

This is the land that newspaper columnist Jimmy Breslin wrote about in his best-selling novel *Table Money*. It is the land that spawned the Howard Beach case, in which a black youth was run over after being chased onto the Belt Parkway by a group of young white punks. Geraldine Ferraro, who ran for Vice President with Walter Mondale in 1984, was a

(Continued on page 52)





# GO WITH THE LEADER!

## BECOME A SUBSCRIBER!

Since 1979, the undeniable leader in wrestling journalism has been *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*. Subscribe now and never miss an issue of the sport's most respected magazine. Wrestling is the only sport with non-stop action the whole year round, and nobody covers the action better than *PWI*.

## 12 BIG ISSUES A YEAR

*PWI*'s award-winning staff is always on the scene where the action is, providing the most complete coverage of the sport available anywhere. From the great staff of writers through the dramatic peak-action photographs to the magnificent full-color pinup, *PWI* brings wrestling from the arena into your home.

## FULL-COLOR PINUP

Each issue of *PWI* contains a spectacular FULL-COLOR PINUP of one of wrestling's greatest superstars, plus an in-depth career biography of that wrestler. They are worth the price of a subscription by themselves!

## SUBSCRIBERS SAVE MONEY

A year's subscription to *PWI*—12 big issues—is only \$22. And that includes the higher-priced special magazines such as the color-packed "SuperCards" issue and the sensational year-end awards issue. It's an unbeatable deal! You save over \$5 off the newsstand price, and you have every issue delivered directly to your door in a protective manila envelope. Don't delay—subscribe today!



Send To: **TV SPORTS BOX 48**  
**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11571**

☐ New ☐ Renewal

**12 BIG ISSUES ONLY \$22.00**  
**A SAVINGS OF OVER \$5.00!**

Yes, I'm ready for all the action and excitement of wrestling's greatest magazine! Please enter my subscription for the next 12 issues of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*. I am enclosing \$22.00 (U.S. FUNDS ONLY) as payment in full.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

(U.S. FUNDS ONLY. Offer good in U.S. and Canada only. All other countries \$27.00.)

Please allow up to eight weeks before you receive your first issue.

**L**OOKING AT THE situation in the NWA, it is very possible that 1989 will see the realization of a huge collection of potential that goes by the name of Bam Bam Bigelow.

The only question is:

How?

Bigelow is beginning to hit the kind of stride in the NWA that many observers felt he would quickly reach when he entered the WWF in mid-1987. Back then, we all looked at the 368-pounder who could throw dropkicks and decided he would be the next WWF World champion. He wasn't, of course, but the tragedy was that he didn't even come close.

So much raw talent, so much promise for success, and so little to show for it. It didn't make any sense. It still doesn't.

In the December 1988 edition of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, Bigelow gave his reason for finally leaving the WWF:

"Basically, what happened in the WWF was that there was no momentum going for me anymore. It seemed like I had wrestled One Man Gang hundreds of times, and there were no title shots or main events coming. The competition was lacking, and I thought the situation was ridiculous."

So Bigelow hit the independent circuit for a while, and finally settled down in the NWA. He's been impressive there, and he's currently after Barry Windham's U.S. title. This is Bigelow's first major test in the NWA, but I have a hunch that it's a test of a very special kind.

Point: Through much of 1987, when Barry Windham was feuding with Ric Flair, the feud was widely viewed as a test in order for J.J. Dillon to decide whether Windham was worthy of joining the Horsemen—a move he ultimately made in April 1988.

Point: Tully Blanchard and Arn Anderson's departure from the NWA has left Dillon's Horsemen severely depleted.

Point: Dillon would like to find two more members for his stable in order to once again round out The Four Horsemen.

Question: Is Dillon using Windham to test Bigelow to see whether he would make a worthy addition to the team?

"That's the most ridiculous thing I've heard in a long time," Dillon protests. "Bigelow is the last person I would want to manage. Haven't you got a pair of eyes? Haven't you seen what Barry did to Bigelow, how that so-called 'Beast From The East' caved in like a pathetic house of cards as soon as Barry gave him a little slap? Bigelow a Horseman? Don't make me vomit."

But if Dillon's protests are strong, so too are the ru-

## ON THE ROAD

with  
CRAIG PETERS

mors of an impending Bigelow Horsemanship.

"There's no question that Dillon was hurt by the departure of Tully and Arn," said Sting, who, it is widely believed, was being similarly tested by Dillon and Flair early in 1988. "He's a power-hungry madman. He's not satisfied to rule the NWA World and U.S. singles titles—he needs the World tag belts as well to be satisfied. I've even heard rumblings that Dillon is negotiating to purchase the contracts of the The Road Warriors from Paul Ellering!"

Ellering would neither confirm nor deny that Dillon had made any such offers to the NWA World tag team champions, though Hawk and Animal both vehemently denied they would wrestle under the management of anyone but Ellering.

Yet the manager question raises another issue: If Bigelow should be offered a place in the Horsemen by Dillon, where would that leave Bigelow's current manager, Sir Oliver Humperdink?

"The way I would cut a deal like this," explained Jim Cornette, manager of The Midnight Express, "would be to simply offer Humperdink a cash sum, after which he would be out of the picture completely. Take the money and run. Whenever you get involved in percentage splits, there's always trouble. All or nothing. I could see Dillon making that kind of an offer, and, frankly, if I were Bigelow I'd snap it up in a heartbeat."



Bam Bam Bigelow

When I presented all this conjecture to Bigelow, he was unusually philosophical about the entire situation.

"I have to be realistic about my career," he said. "Sir Oliver is doing a fine job right now. Windham has a title I want, and that's what I'm going after. The U.S. belt is my only objective. I'm not out to become a Horseman, I haven't been contacted by Dillon, or by Flair, and from the way Windham is wrestling, I can promise you he's not holding anything back. If that's a test, it's one hell of an exam."

"Me, I like to take life one day at a time," Bigelow continued. "I don't know what tomorrow's gonna bring, but tonight there's a match with Windd gonna do my damndest to bust his butt and claim his title. Wrestling is what I do best, and winning is why I wrestle. That's all there is to it."

Sounds a little like the Horseman philosophy, doesn't it? □



# A SPECIAL OFFER FOR ALL "HULKAMANIACS"

**THE HULK HOGAN  
BACK ISSUE  
SPECTACULAR!**

**10 ISSUES FOR  
JUST \$19.95!**

**INCLUDED IN THIS  
INCREDIBLE OFFER:**

- July 1982 *Inside Wrestling*—"Twenty Minutes That Shook Wrestling: Hulk Hogan Takes The AWA Belt!"
- July 1983 *Inside Wrestling*—"Ventura And Patera Awaken A Sleeping Giant: Hulk Hogan On A Rampage!"
- January 1984 *The Wrestler*—"Is Hulk Hogan Afraid To Be Champion?"
- April 1985 *Inside Wrestling*—"How Rock Star Cyndi Lauper Brought Lou Albano And Hulk Hogan Together"
- February 1986 *The Wrestler*—"Hulk Hogan's Trust Pays Off: 'Paul Orndorff Is The Best Partner I've Ever Had!'"
- Winter 1986 *Wrestling Superstars*—"Superstar Dream Match: Hulk Hogan vs. Ric Flair"
- Spring 1987 *Wrestling Superstars*—featuring a full-color "Action Gallery" centerfold of Hogan career highlights
- August 1987 *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*—"Giant Killer! Hogan Topples Andre At WrestleMania III!"
- May 1988 *Sports Review Wrestling*—"Special Section: The Andre-Hogan Feud—A Pictorial History!"
- July 1988 *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*—"I've Been In A Dreamworld And Andre Is My Worst Nightmare!" An exclusive "Press Conference" with Hulk Hogan

**IF PURCHASED SEPARATELY,  
THESE 10 ACTION-PACKED BACK  
ISSUES WOULD COST YOU  
\$30.00—BUT NOW, THIS SPECIAL  
HULK HOGAN 10-PACK CAN BE  
YOURS FOR ONLY \$19.95! THAT'S  
A SAVINGS OF OVER 33% OFF  
THE REGULAR BACK  
ISSUE PRICE!**

*Sorry: no substitutions of back issues.*

**PRO  
Wrestling  
ILLUSTRATED**

**THIS SPECIAL 10-PACK OF  
BACK ISSUES BRINGS YOU A  
CAREER'S WORTH OF  
ACTION AND DRAMA  
HIGHLIGHTING THE SPORT'S  
NUMBER-ONE STAR OF  
ALL TIME!**

Make check payable and send to:

**TV SPORTS  
BOX 48  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11571**

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ Hulk Hogan 10-Packs. I am  
enclosing \$19.95 (**U.S. FUNDS ONLY**) for each 10-Pack I've ordered.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT# \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

For all orders except U.S. and Canada, you must add \$10.00 for each 10-Pack ordered for boat  
mail, and \$20.00 for each 10-Pack ordered for air mail. Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

# NAMES MAKI



THE POWERS OF PAIN

THE DECISION BY **The Powers of Pain** to take sides with **Mr. Fuji**, manager of WWF World tag team champions **Demolition**, was easily the most shocking aspect of The Survivor Series. But after examining several incidents from Thanksgiving night in Richfield, Ohio, the possibility arises that Fuji had the Powers signed prior to the match and kept it secret.

Here's what happened in the tag team event: The Powers of Pain were the only team remaining for one side while **The Conquistadors** and **Demolition**, with manager Mr. Fuji, remained for the other side. **Smash** had an injured **Warlord** under control when Fuji climbed on the ring apron and tried to get Smash's attention. But Smash refused to listen to his manager, who apparently wanted to hit Warlord.

Fuji became incensed. As Smash attempted a rebound off the ropes, Fuji held down the bottom rope with his foot. Smash fell to the arena floor and was counted out. **Ax** started yelling at

Fuji, and Smash slammed Fuji on the floor. Meanwhile, the Powers and The Conquistadors were the only teams remaining. But Fuji was in trouble and, to everyone's surprise, Warlord and **Barbarian** came to his defense.

The Conquistadors, however, took advantage of the situation to pound the Powers. Then came the big shocker: Fuji climbed back to the ring apron and tripped one of The Conquistadors. The Conquistador fell to the mat and Barbarian pinned him for the win. In other words, Fuji helped his team lose.

Now here's why things seem a little fishy:

- Ax and Smash were on the verge of victory and didn't need Fuji's interference. Maybe Fuji was trying to *distract* Demolition, not help them.

- Fuji turned against his men too quickly. If he was mad at Smash for not following directions, he could've reprimanded him afterward.



DEMOLITION



MR. FUJI

- Warlord and Barbarian sided with Fuji too quickly. If the Powers hadn't already signed a contract with Fuji, wouldn't they have been a little more cautious before helping out their enemy?

Two nights later, in Madison Square Garden, the Powers completed their return to the rulebreaking mold by ambushing **Paul Roma** after his loss to **Curt Hennig**. Fuji then entered the ring and told the crowd, "Demolition will crumble, just like this young punk [Roma]." Roma then dropkicked Fuji, but Warlord and Barbarian stormed the ring and heaped some serious abuse on the young, rising star.

Here are the full results from the Survivor Series: **Brutus Beefcake**, **Blue Blazer**, **Sam Houston**, **Jim Brunzell**, and **The Ultimate Warrior** defeated **The Honky Tonk Man**, **Danny Davis**, **Greg Valentine**, **Bad News Brown**, and **Ron**



# N' NEWS

Bill Apter  
reporting...

**Bass** ... Powers of Pain, Paul Roma and **Jim Powers**, **The Hart Foundation**, **The Rockers**, and **The British Bulldogs** defeated Demolition, The Conquistadors, **The Bolsheviks**, **The Brainbusters**, and **The Rougeaus** ... **Andre the Giant**, **Dino Bravo**, **Harley Race**, **Rick Rude**, and **Curt Hennig** defeated **Scott Casey**, **Ken Patera**, **Tito Santana**, **Hacksaw Duggan**, and **Jake Roberts** ... **Randy Savage**, **Hulk Hogan**, **Koko B. Ware**, **Hillbilly Jim**, and **Hercules** defeated **Big Bossman**, **King Haku**, **Terry Taylor**, **Ted DiBiase**, and **One Man Gang**.



WENDI RICHTER

**Wendi Richter** defeated **Madusa Miceli** for the AWA World women's title on November 26 at The Met Center in Bloomington, Minnesota ... Also on that card, **The Iron Sheik** was managed by **Sheik Adnan Al-Kaissie** in his match against **Sgt. Slaughter**! The match marked Al-



SHEIK ADNAN AL-KAISSIE

Kaissie's return to the AWA ... **Ronnie Garvin** defeated **Carlos Carlon** in a tournament final on Thanksgiving night in Carolina, Puerto Rico, to win the WWC Universal title. Garvin, the AWA TV champ, is preparing for his WWF debut.

**Dusty Rhodes** suffered a severe eye injury in a vicious attack by **The Road Warriors** on November 26 in Atlanta, but doctors fear that the "American Dream" will lose at least a portion of his vision and possibly all of the sight in his right eye. Rhodes was attacked when he jumped into the ring in street clothes and challenged **Road Warrior Animal**.

Animal stormed the ring, but Rhodes managed to hold off Animal until **Hawk** joined his partner. Animal held down Rhodes while Hawk dug a steel spike from his ring outfit into Dusty's forehead and right eye. Rhodes suffered several lacerations to his fore-

head and right eye. Doctors at the WTBS studios tried to stop the bleeding before Rhodes was rushed to a nearby hospital. Needless to say, the Warriors, who have again become the most hated team in wrestling, are overjoyed.

The NWA announced that it has dropped recognition of the Florida title. The belt was previously held by **Mike Rotundo**, who gave it to former Varsity Club teammate **Rick Steiner** ... **The Shepherders** have signed to



THE SHEPHERDERS

wrestle in the WWF, where they'll be known as **The Bushwackers** ... **Jamie Dundee**, 17-year-old son of **Bill Dundee**, had his neck broken by **Sid Vicious** on November 22 in Memphis ... The WWF has announced that its second "Royal Rumble," on January 15 at The Summit in Houston, will be shown on pay-per-view TV. Last year's "Royal Rumble" was seen on the USA cable network.

That's all for now, fans! See you at the matches! □

THE

# INSIDER

By Eddie Ellner



Gene Okerlund interviews AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel and his manager Bobby Heenan in 1979. Eddie Ellner has no regard for Heenan's managerial skills or, for that matter, Okerlund's broadcasting abilities.

*[The opinions expressed in "The Insider" are those of Eddie Ellner alone, and do not necessarily represent the opinions of anyone else on the staff of this magazine.]*

IT OCCURRED TO me while watching promos for the WWF's Survivor Series that wrestling as I used to know it no longer exists. The team of Hulk Hogan, Randy Savage, Hercules Hernandez,

Koko B. Ware, and Hillbilly Jim provides a reasonable facsimile of what we've come to expect grapplers in the late 1980s to resemble. Overmuscled and underskilled (Savage and possibly Koko being the exceptions), they, to paraphrase Animal Mother's concern in *Full Metal Jacket*, "talk the talk, but can they walk the walk?" They shout, scream, huff, and puff, but can they slap on a credible figure-four?

The other team seems more the result of a collision between The Village People and a bus of outpatients from the Oakdale Psychiatric Clinic. They are composed of an alleged ex-prison guard named Big Bossman; the former One Man Gang, renamed Akeem during a voodoo ceremony presided over by famed island mystic Mean Gene (Reverend Mahi-Mahi To You) Okerlund; King Haku, successor to seven-time NWA champion King Harley Race; appropriately pandering Terry (Red Rooster) Taylor; and the relatively normal (by comparison) Ted (Money For Nothing) DiBiase. Appearing in the team photo with this improbable gang are DiBiase's indentured servant Virgil, the manager/dandy/pimp Slick, and the irrepressible Bobby (Chicken Brain) Heenan.

I always knew Chicken Brain was more fowl than man, more cluck than tough. Fifteen years ago, Heenan managed AWA World champion Nick Bockwinkel. Revered as he was as a strate-

*(Continued on page 56)*



# BACK ISSUES OF



Be sure to fill in the gaps in your collection of **INSIDE WRESTLING**, "The magazine that rips the lid off pro wrestling." Get all the information you need to keep up on the pro wrestling scene. Don't be left out. Avoid sellouts—order today!

**July 1979**/Stories include: Rhodes, Ladd, Valiant, Brower.  
**August 1979**/Stories include: Flair, Garvin, Race, Sammartino.  
**September 1979**/Stories include: Steamboat, Mascaras, Strongbow, Garvin.  
**February 1980**/Stories include: Patera, Snuka, Santana, Albano.  
**April 1980**/Stories include: Hogan, Rich, Backlund, Mascaras.  
**May 1980**/Stories include: Sammartino, Murdoch, Mulligan, Bockwinkel.  
**June 1980**/Stories include: Putski, Andre, Hernandez, Keirn.  
**August 1980**/Stories include: Sammartino, Wrestling II, Baker, Koloff.  
**September 1980**/Stories include: Mascaras, Rhodes, Ladd, Iron Sheik.  
**November 1980**/Stories include: Rhodes, Putski, Bockwinkel, Koloff.  
**January 1981**/Stories include: Race, Snuka, Morales, Slater.  
**April 1981**/Stories include: Albano, Sammartino Jr., Race, McGraw.  
**May 1981**/Stories include: Iron Sheik, Von Erich, Backlund, Santana.  
**June 1981**/Stories include: Rhodes, Hansen, Piper, Gagne.  
**September 1981**/Stories include: Patera, Koloff, Khan, Junkyard Dog.  
**January 1982**/Stories include: Flair, Hogan, Race, Humpdink.  
**February 1982**/Stories include: Valentine, Flair, Steamboat, Rhodes.  
**March 1982**/Stories include: Rich, Backlund, Idol, Spoiler.  
**April 1982**/Stories include: Rhodes, Andre, Von Erich, Piper.  
**May 1982**/Stories include: Backlund, Rhodes, Hogan, Von Erich.  
**June 1982**/Stories include: Valentine, Von Erich, Slaughter, Morales.  
**July 1982**/Stories include: Hogan, Rhodes, Steamboat, Adonis.  
**August 1982**/Stories include: Andre, Bockwinkel, Steamboat, Backlund.  
**September 1982**/Stories include: Atlas, Piper, Lawler, Brody.  
**October 1982**/Stories include: Rich, Andre, Piper, Dillon.

**November 1982**/Stories include: Flair, Snuka, Von Erich, Slaughter.  
**December 1982**/Stories include: Mulligan, Rich, Lawler, Grand Wizard.  
**February 1983**/Stories include: Rhodes, Hogan, DiBiase, Race.  
**March 1983**/Stories include: Junkyard Dog, Graham, Johnson, Funk.  
**April 1983**/Stories include: Snuka, Patera, Kabuki, Rich.  
**May 1983**/Stories include: Rich, Snuka, Sullivan, Steamboat.  
**June 1983**/Stories include: Studd, Garvin, Rogers, Orton.  
**July 1983**/Stories include: Hogan, Freebirds, Rhodes, Youngblood.  
**August 1983**/Stories include: Junkyard Dog, Garvin, Sullivan, Lawler.  
**September 1983**/Stories include: Zbyszko, Piper, Andre, Hayes.  
**October 1983**/Stories include: Wrestling II, Backlund, Junkyard Dog, Rhodes.  
**November 1983**/Stories include: Hogan, Reed, Von Erich, Dillon.  
**December 1983**/Stories include: Von Erich, Samoans, Valiant, Road Warriors.  
**March 1984**/Stories include: Junkyard Dog, Rich, Rhodes, Garvin.  
**April 1984**/Stories include: Flair, Steamboat, Superstar, Windham.  
**May 1984**/Stories include: Iron Sheik, Steamboat, Rotundo, Von Erich.  
**June 1984**/Stories include: Flair, Slaughter, Cornette, DiBiase.  
**July 1984**/Stories include: Valiant, Flair, Martel, Wrestling II.  
**August 1984**/Stories include: Junkyard Dog, Magnum T.A., Idol, Spoiler.  
**September 1984**/Stories include: Martel, Brody, Von Erich, Iron Sheik.  
**October 1984**/Stories include: Billy Jack, Road Warriors, Steamboat, Piper.  
**November 1984**/Stories include: Rhodes, Rich, Hernandez, Warriors.  
**December 1984**/Stories include: Hogan, Warriors, Sullivan, Magnum T.A.  
**January 1985**/Stories include: Magnum T.A., Rhodes, Atlas, Von Erich.  
**February 1985**/Stories include: Rich, Adams, Valiant, Flair.

**March 1985**/Stories include: Backlund, Billy Jack, Koloffs, Von Erichs.  
**April 1985**/Stories include: Warriors, Albano & Hogan, Steamboat, Gordy.  
**May 1985**/Stories include: Slaughter, Garvin, Albano, Koloffs.  
**June 1985**/Stories include: Warriors, Slaughter, Von Erichs, Studd & Patera.  
**July 1985**/Stories include: Hogan, Von Erich, Nikita, Warriors.  
**August 1985**/Stories include: Wrestlingmania, Zbyszko vs. The Tonga Kid.  
**September 1985**/Stories include: Piper, Flair, Fantastics, Magnum T.A.  
**October 1985**/Stories include: Russian menace, Von Erichs, Rude & Barr.  
**November 1985**/Stories include: Steamboat, Adams, Freebirds, Cornette.  
**December 1985**/Stories include: Santana, Brody, Andersons, Murdoch.  
**January 1986**/Stories include: Steamboat, Mike Von, Warriors.  
**February 1986**/Stories include: R'n'R Express, Warriors, Mulligan & Windham.  
**March 1986**/Stories include: Windham & Rotundo, Warriors-Russians, Rude.  
**April 1986**/Stories include: Scott Hall, Rhodes, Flair, Andre, Bill Watts.  
**May 1986**/Stories include: Randy Savage, Stan Hansen, Rock 'n' Rolls.  
**June 1986**/Stories include: Bulldogs, Windham-Flair, Lance Von, Blanchard.  
**July 1986**/All-American Special Issue. Stories include: Hogan, Slaughter, T.A.  
**August 1986**/Stories include: Wrestlingmania 2, Garvins, Martel, Fab Ones.  
**September 1986**/Stories include: Andre, Rhodes-T.A., Adams, Windham.  
**October 1986**/Stories include: Flair-Lugar, Savage, Fantastics, Warriors.  
**November 1986**/Stories include: Warriors-Flair, Bulldogs, Watts, Adams.  
**December 1986**/Stories include: Hogan-Adonis, R&R Express, Baby Doll.  
**January 1987**/Stories include: Rude-Flair, Piper, T.A., Taylor.  
**February 1987**/Stories include: Hogan-Piper-Orndorf, Taylor, Flair.  
**March 1987**/Stories include: Flair, Missy, Luger, Bulldogs, Koloffs.

**April 1987**/Stories include: Windham, Steamboat, Ellering, Duggan.  
**May 1987**/Stories include: Windham & Luger, Steamboat, Hogan-Andre.  
**June 1987**/Stories include: Piper-Adonis, Horsemen, Adams, Hall, Brody.  
**July 1987**/Stories include: Danny Davis, DiBiase, Rockers, Rotundo, Andersons.  
**August 1987**/Stories include: Dusty & Nikita, Hogan, Mike Von, Cornette.  
**September 1987**/Stories include: Hogan-Race, R&R Exp., Rich, Honky Tonk.  
**October 1987**/Stories include: R&R Express, Hogan, Taylor-Adams, Lawler.  
**November 1987**/Stories include: War Games, Mr. T, Bulldogs, Rhodes.  
**December 1987**/Stories include: Freebirds, Rhodes, Magnum, Savage, Perez.  
**January 1988**/Stories include: R&R Horsemen, Hogan, Flair-Garvin.  
**February 1988**/Stories include: Savage, Kevin Von, Sting, Tully & Arn.  
**March 1988**/Stories include: Bigelow, Adams, Koloff, Honky Tonk, Freebirds.  
**April 1988**/Stories include: Luger-Flair, Ultimate Warrior, Andre-Hogan-DiBiase.  
**May 1988**/Stories include: Zbyszko, DiBiase, Warriors, Rockers, Fritz Von.  
**June 1988**/Stories include: Warriors, Savage, R&R Express, Baby Doll.  
**July 1988**/Stories include: Hogan-Savage-DiBiase, Kerry & Hayes, Sting.  
**August 1988**/Stories include: Savage, Missy Hyatt, Sting, Hayes, Honky Tonk.  
**September 1988**/SPECIAL ISSUE: Col-or coverage of WMV, Parade of Champs, Crockett Cup. Plus: Lawler, Von Erich, Hart, Cornette.  
**October 1988**/Stories include: Megapowers vs. Megabucks, Horsemen, Lawler.  
**November 1988**/Stories include: Kerry vs. Lawler, Windham, Luger, Muraco.  
**December 1988**/Stories include: Powers of Pain, Ultimate, Flair, Piper.  
**January 1989**/Stories include: R&R Express, Hogan, Sting, Arn, Kerry-Lawler.  
**February 1989**/Stories include: Hogan-Bossman, Tully & Arn, Warriors-Windham-Sting.

## INSIDE WRESTLING

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:  
**T.V. SPORTS  
 BOX 48  
 ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11571**

**ONLY  
 \$3.00 EACH**

- |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 79 | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 82 | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 84 | <input type="checkbox"/> APR 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 79  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 79 | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 82 | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 84 | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 86 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 80  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 86 | <input type="checkbox"/> APR 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APR 80  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 80  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 86 | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 88 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 88 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 80  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> APR 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 88 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 80  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> APR 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 87  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 81  | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 83 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 87  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APR 81  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 83 | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 85 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 87  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 81  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 85 | <input type="checkbox"/> APR 87  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 89  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 81 | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 83 | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 87  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 89  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 81 | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 85 | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 87 |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 87 |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 87 |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APR 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> APR 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 82 | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 84 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 87  |                                  |

Please send me the back issues I've checked. I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. FUNDS ONLY) as payment in full. PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS CLEARLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

For all orders except the U.S. and Canada, you must add one dollar for every back issue ordered for boat mail, and two dollars for every back issue ordered for airmail.

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery

In case of a sellout, indicate substitute choice: \_\_\_\_\_

# A—ON— ASSIGNMENT

BY LIZ HUNTER



Don Muraco prepares to give Danny Davis a piledriver. Liz Hunter interviewed Muraco about his leaving the WWF. His reasons? A lack of title shots, for one thing.

ON PAGE 16, Eddie Ellner offers a rather sobering peek at the future of pro wrestling in the era of Vince McMahon:

*His [McMahon's] demented vision has redefined the landscape of professional wrestling. His tactics are repugnant, his motives greedy, but there is no denying his success. . . . McMahon's raids on other federations have tilted the balance of power dangerously in his favor. With all the giant eggs in his basket, McMahon is engulfing the opposition and moving inexorably toward a situation where his will be the only game in town.*

One cannot argue with Ellner's bleak forecast, especially in light of the recent defections of Arn Anderson, Tully Blanchard, and Terry Taylor. As major stars continue to succumb to dreams of New York glory and big paydays, one headliner has decided to reverse the trend. Former Intercontinental champion Don "Magnificent" Muraco has packed his bags and cleared out of town, leaving the WWF without a single regret.

Muraco, a perennial contender for the WWF crown, and popular despite his confirmed rulebreaking status, felt increasingly estranged from the WWF's nerve center. A proud man not given to emotional outbursts, Muraco could not brook his drop in stature. Rather than accept his position on the WWF's "satellite" tour, the magnificent one decided to move on.

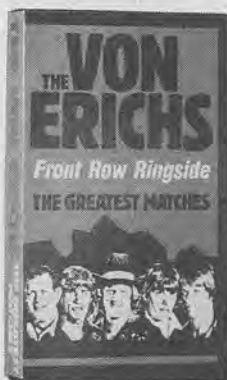
"It was a strange life in the  
(Continued on page 60)





# A VON ERICH EXTRAVAGANZA!

The Von Erich family has long been known as "The First Family Of Professional Wrestling." Now, a deluxe-quality videotape and collectors' edition hardcover book bring all the excitement, drama, tragedy, and triumph of the Von Erichs into your home!



**THE VON ERICHS: FRONT ROW RINGSIDE** is an up-close and personal look at the Von Erich legend culled from the extensive video library of World Class Championship Wrestling and featuring at-home interviews with Kerry, Kevin, Mike, and Fritz. This program will be a valuable addition to your videotape collection. (Sorry, VHS format only is available in this special offer.) Included in this sensational 70-minute tape:

- The entire June 1, 1982, Fritz Von Erich no-disqualification retirement match against King Kong Bundy.
- The complete March 4, 1983, Kevin Von Erich-Terry Gordy match in which Kevin won the World Class American belt!
- Highlights of David Von Erich battling Jim Garvin, Kamala, and Harley Race.
- The entire May 6, 1984, bout in which Kerry Von Erich captured the NWA World title from Ric Flair at Texas Stadium in front of 43,518 fans.
- Highlights of Mike Von Erich's November 24, 1983, debut match against Gen. Skandor Akbar, and a battle against John Tatum.
- Rare footage of Chris Von Erich; Fritz vs. Joe Blanchard; David spanking Sunshine; six-man action featuring Mike, Lance, & Kevin, and David, Kevin, and Kerry; and Mike's hospitalization from toxic shock syndrome.

**THE VON ERICHS: A FAMILY ALBUM** is a magnificent history of the *entire* Von Erich family in words and pictures. Subtitled "Tragedies And Triumphs Of America's First Family Of Wrestling," the book chronicles Fritz, Doris, Kevin, David, Kerry, Mike, and Chris—plus rare photos of Jack—in over 100 black-and-white photographs and 32 pages of dazzling color photography. Many of these photos are from the Von Erich personal family scrapbooks (including many baby photos and school portraits) and have *never* been published anywhere—until now! This beautifully designed hardcover volume measures 8½x11 and is 128 pages in length. You'll be proud to add this to your personal library.



## SPECIAL OFFER!

You might expect to spend upwards of \$59.95 or \$69.95 for a Von Erich videotape of this quality, or \$20.00 or more for the Von Erich family scrapbook. But in this special magazine offer, you can get *The Von Erichs: Front Row Ringside* for the low price of only \$29.95 (plus \$3.00 postage and handling), and *The Von Erichs: A Family Album* for the low price of just \$13.95 (plus \$2.00 postage and handling).

## SPECIAL SUPERFAN PACKAGE

Save money and receive both the book and the tape for the bargain price of only \$39.95 (plus \$5.00 postage and handling). This book and videotape is a must-have for any Von Erich fan. Order today!

Make check or money order payable and send to:  
**TV SPORTS  
 BOX 48  
 ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11571**

### PLEASE RUSH ME:

- ☐ **THE VON ERICHS: FRONT ROW RINGSIDE** videotape (VHS orders only)
- ☐ **THE VON ERICHS: A FAMILY ALBUM** hardcover book
- ☐ **MONEY-SAVING SUPERFAN PACKAGE!**—one each: videotape and book

I am enclosing:

- \$32.95 (\$29.95 plus \$3.00 postage and handling) for each *Front Row Ringside* tape I am ordering.
- \$15.95 (\$13.95 plus \$2.00 postage and handling) for each *A Family Album* book I am ordering.
- \$44.95 (\$39.95 plus \$5.00 postage and handling) for each *Superfan Package* I am ordering.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

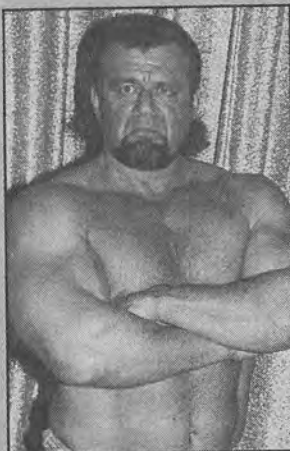
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

For all orders except U.S. and Canada, you must add \$2.00 for each tape or book ordered for boat mail, and \$3.00 for each tape or book ordered for air-mail. U.S. funds only. Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. Foreign customers: Please be sure your videotape system is NTSC compatible.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

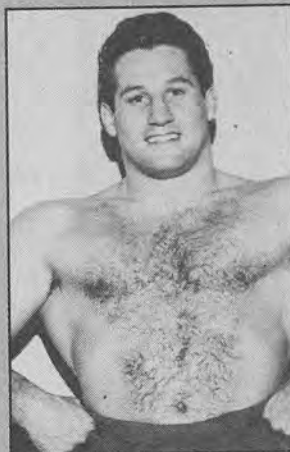
Do you have a favorite wrestler who has left your area? Are you wondering where he is today? Then this special column is just for you. Each month we will update the whereabouts of four current or former wrestlers



## LUMBERJACK PIERRE

This rugged Canadian star was half of one of the most brutal tag teams of the '70s, The Yukon Lumberjacks, along with Lumberjack Eric. This Lou Albano-managed duo won the WWF World tag team title from Domenic

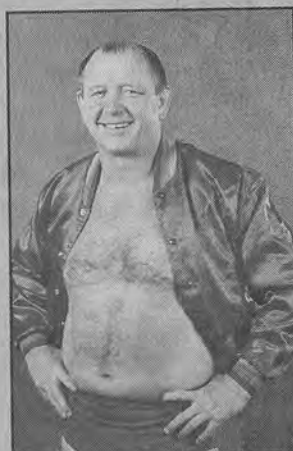
DeNucci and Dino Bravo in 1978. Today, Pierre is the owner of Body Best Natural, a vitamin company in West Paterson, New Jersey. The veteran also continues to wrestle for several independent promotions.



## BILL DARNELL

Darnell was one of the most popular scientific stars in the wrestling world during the '40s and '50s. Trained by former NWA and WWF champion Buddy Rogers, Joe Montana, and The Great Scott, Darnell began his pro career at the

tender age of 16, shocking his more experienced opponents with a host of victories. Today, at age 62, Darnell is retired from the ring and is a practicing chiropractor in Westmont, New Jersey.



## DORY FUNK JR.

The former NWA World champion, one of the greatest scientific wrestlers in the sport's history, is now semi-retired. The Amarillo, Texas, native now devotes most of his attention to The Dory Funk Jr. Mortgage and Investment

Company, a new financial firm located in Ocala, Florida. "I still try to wrestle when I can," says Funk. "I recently tagged up with my brother, Terry, for a big match in West Palm Beach."



## JOE BLANCHARD

The father of Tully Blanchard (currently half of The Brain Busters in the WWF), "Joltin' Joe" continues to stay close to the sport by working as a regional promoter for the National Wrestling Alliance. The three-time former Tex-

as champion was also one of the greatest football players in Kansas State history. "I've had a great life in wrestling," said Blanchard. "It's been thrilling to watch Tully's career progress, especially the last couple of years."



# INSIDE WRESTLING

152

## CAPSULE PROFILE

### JEFF JARRETT

**J**EFF JARRETT IS starting to establish himself as one of wrestling's brightest young stars (*"I always try my hardest to please my fans and myself"*) ... A fine aerial wrestler, he shrugs off criticism that he's too small to be a serious competitor (*"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog"*) ... In his April 1986 pro debut, defeated Tony Falk (*"It felt real good to get that first win under my belt; after that, I knew I was on my way"*) ... The son of Memphis promoter and former wrestler Jerry Jarrett, Jeff was a referee before he began wrestling (*"That gave me an opportunity to study a lot of different styles"*) ... First major feud was against Mr. Sato and Tarzan Goto, managed by Tojo Yamamoto (*"Tojo and my dad had been partners for many years, so it was a surprise when Tojo turned against me"*) ... His partner in those battles was Pat Tanaka (*"Pat's doing pretty well for himself now"*) ... Teamed with Billy Travis to win the Mid-Southern tag team title in his rookie year (*"Billy's the most reliable partner I've ever had—next to my dad, of course"*) ... Wrestled Nick Bockwinkel and Curt Hennig when both men were AWA World champions (*"I felt I gave a pretty good accounting of myself against two fine champions; the next time I wrestle for*

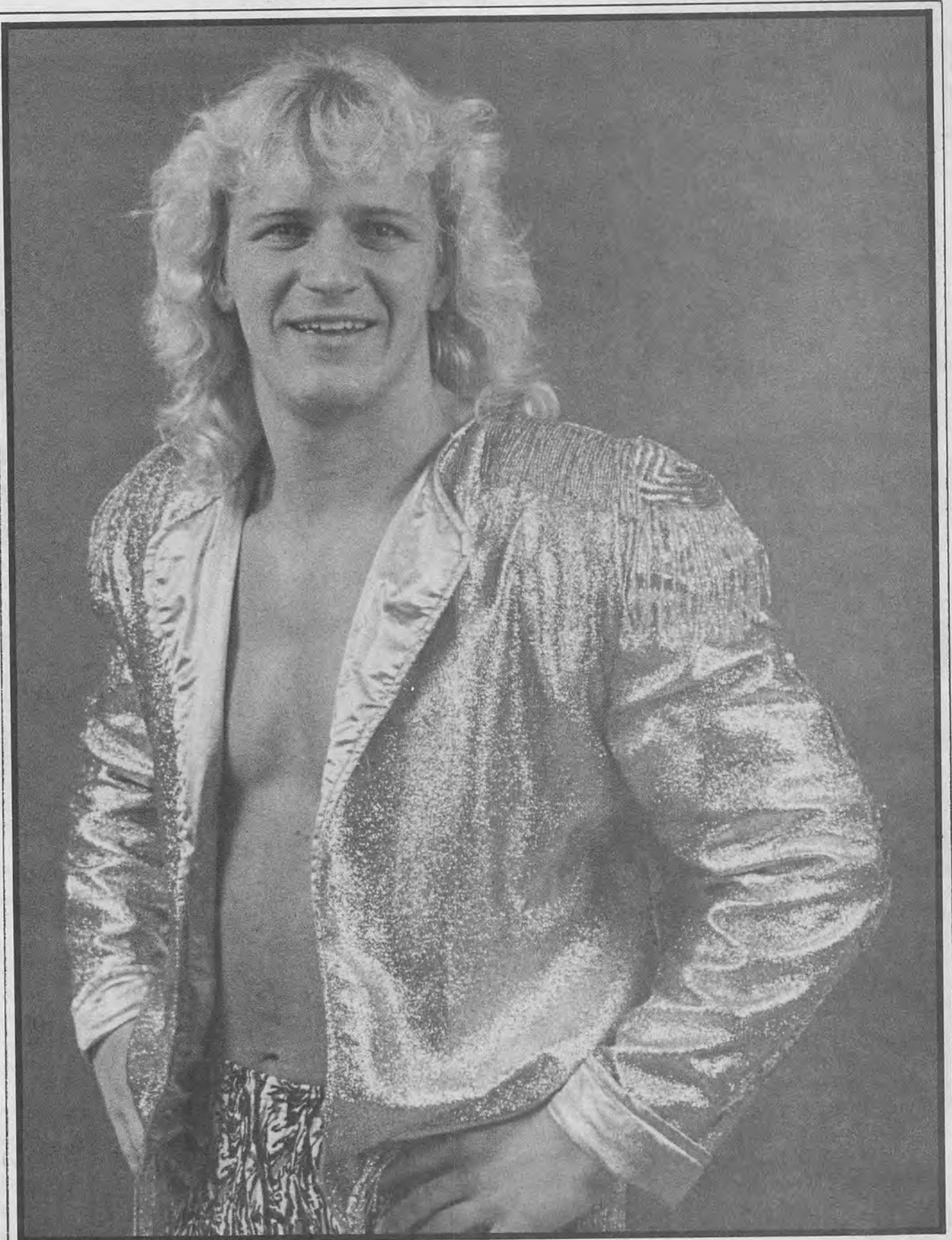


Jeff Jarrett armlocks Eric Embry, his opponent in several recent bouts for the World Class light heavyweight title. Jarrett began his career in Memphis.

*a world title, I'll be ready"*) ... Had major feuds with Jimmy Jack Funk and Moondog Spot, from whom he won the Mid-America title in 1987 (*"That was my first major singles title; Moondog put up a great fight"*) ... Often a target of Robert Fuller and his Stud Stable (*"Fuller and his men are slime, and I'll be happy to drive them out of Tennessee"*) ... In 1988, began wrestling in World Class and the AWA along with other Memphis stars (*"I welcomed the chance to test myself against a wider range of competition"*) ... On October 15, 1988, at The Cotton Bowl in Dallas, defeated Eric Embry for the World Class light heavyweight title (*"It was a tough, clean match, and probably the best of my*

*career"*) ... Sees a great future in light heavyweight competition (*"More and more guys are seeing that some of the best wrestling in the world is done by the light heavies"*) ... A "friendly" scientific feud with Embry quickly turned nasty (*"Eric was determined to get the belt back, and I was just as determined to keep it"*) ... Embry regained the title on November 11 (*"I made a few mistakes that cost me the match, but it won't happen again"*) ... True to his word, Jarrett won the title back on Thanksgiving (*"I went in with a game plan and didn't allow myself to be distracted"*) ... A rematch is scheduled for SuperClash III (*"Embry'll get plenty of chances to win the belt back, but he'll never get the best of me!"*) □

## **CAPSULE PROFILE PINUP**

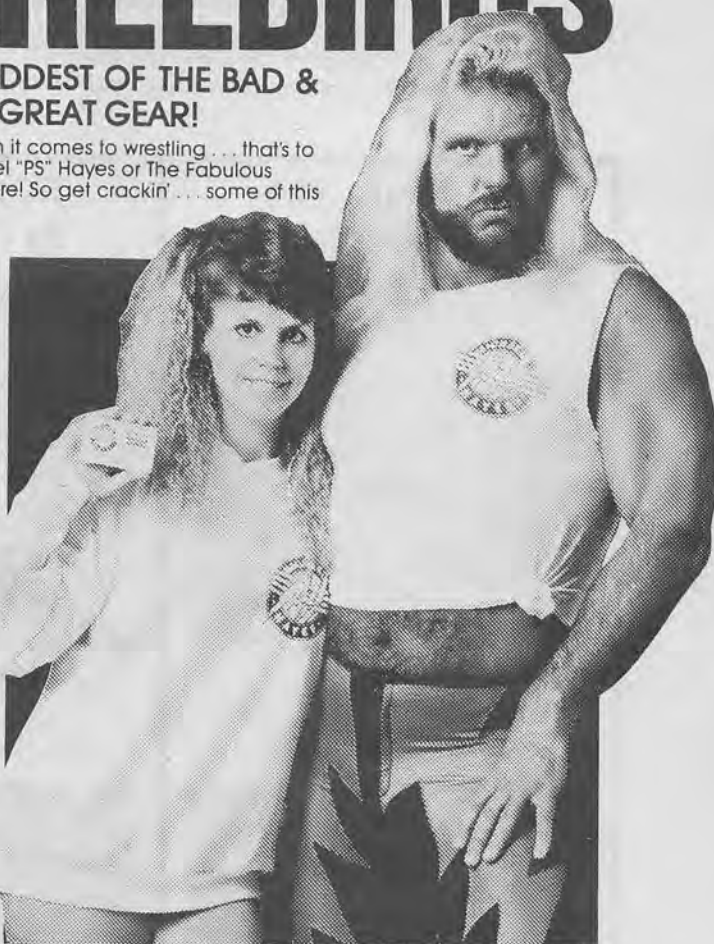


**JEFF JARRETT**



There's only one true way to show where you're at when it comes to wrestling... that's to tell the world who you support! If you're behind Michael "PS" Hayes or The Fabulous Freebirds, the place to get their official gear is right here! So get crackin'... some of this stuff is in limited Edition. When it's gone that's it!

- NO C.O.D.**



Jet Black Satin Touring Jacket with Blood-Red Badstreet Logo as worn by the Fab. Freebirds. "World Tour 88-89 on Back. Limited Edition! **69.95**

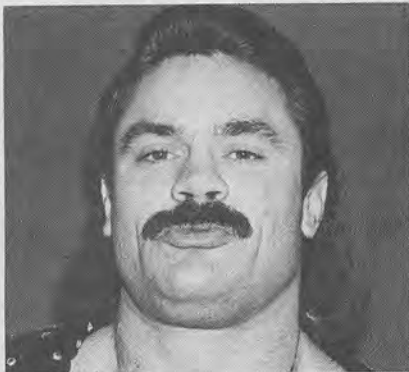
[illegible]

# NEWS FROM THE

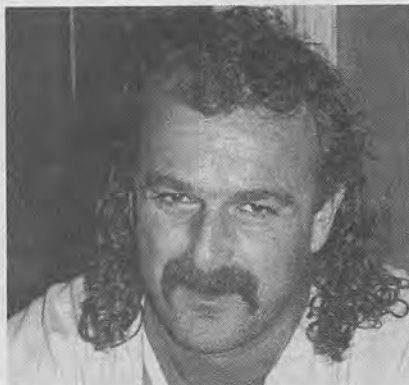
If you would like your area of the country represented in these reports, while also being officially credited with your own by-line, send us reports of the matches you attend. You will have the thrill of seeing your name in an internationally known magazine while at the same time helping to improve the quality of wrestling in your area. So why not give it a try? You will be glad you did!

Send your reports to: Correspondent Editor, Box 48, Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11571

## ST. PAUL, MN By Erick Hofacker



**RICK RUDE  
vs.  
JAKE ROBERTS**



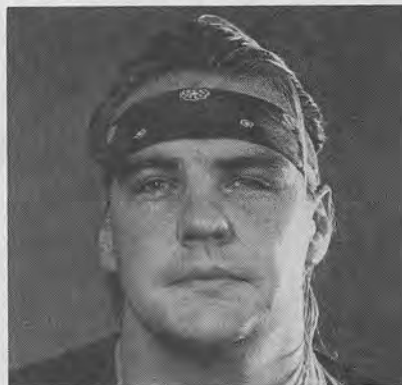
Rude dominated until he ran out of the ring to chase Jake's wife, Cheryl. Jake came out of the ring and rammed Rude's head into the ringpost twice. After throwing Rude back in the ring, the "Ravishing One" took control once more. Rude gave Jake a piledriver, and "The Snake" was lucky to get his foot on the rope to stop the count. When Rude stuck his head under the ropes to taunt Cheryl, she slapped him. Jake then rolled Rude up for the pin.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Hulk Hogan pinned Bad News Brown ... Sam Houston beat Iron Mike Sharpe ... Jim Brunzell beat Danny Davis ... Red Rooster beat Scott Casey ... The Powers of Pain pinned The Bolsheviks ... Big Bossman beat Koko B. Ware ... Curt Hennig beat Ken Patera ... Brutus Beefcake pinned Ron Bass.

## ROANOKE, VA By Eric Perkins



**BAM BAM BIGELOW  
vs.  
BARRY WINDHAM**



In this match for Windham's U.S. title, Bigelow controlled most of the action with an array of acrobatics, press-slams, and suplexes. After about 10 minutes, Windham threw Bigelow out to the arena floor and they slugged it out, just barely avoided being counted out. Back in the ring, Windham put the claw on Bigelow, who managed to reach the ropes. When Barry refused to release the hold, he was disqualified.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Ric Flair and Lex Luger were both counted out ... The Russian Assassins defeated Ivan & Nikita Koloff ... The Fantastics defeated The Shepherders ... Rick Steiner pinned Larry Zbyszko.

## CHICAGO, IL By Boomer Starr



**KERRY VON ERICH  
vs.  
THE BEAST**

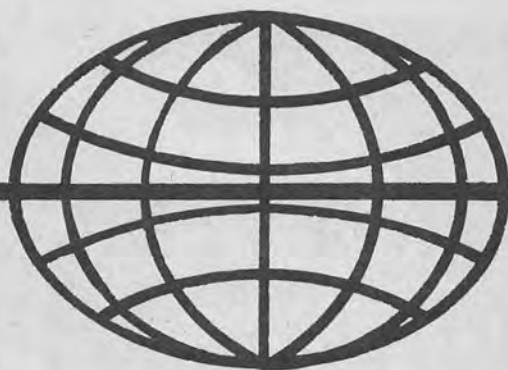


The Beast attacked World Class champion Von Erich before the bell, beating him from post to post. For a while, it appeared that there would be a new champion. Then Kerry reached back for a little extra and fought back like a man possessed. He picked up The Beast, slammed him in the middle of the ring, and covered him for the pin. It was another come-from-behind victory for the "Modern-Day Warrior."

**OTHER BOUTS:** Michael Hayes & Steve Cox defeated The Samoan Swat Team by disqualification ... Brian Costello defeated The Russian Brute ... Iceman Parsons beat Kendall Windham.



# WRESTLING CAPITALS



## LAS VEGAS, NV By Rodney Winkler



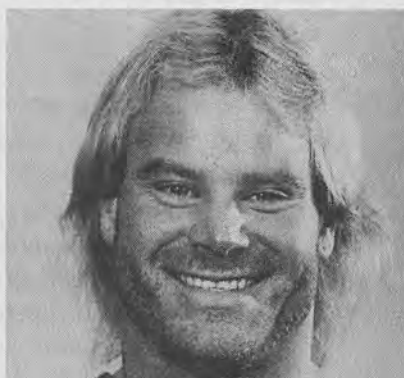
**JERRY LAWLER  
vs.  
WAHOO McDANIEL**



Lawler stepped into the ring to defend his AWA World title against Wahoo McDaniel, a great athlete who has never won a world championship. During the course of the match, Lawler used a chain on McDaniel. After the referee was knocked out in a scuffle, Wahoo grabbed the chain, hit Lawler with it, and pinned him. But Lawler pointed out to the referee that Wahoo used the chain, so the ref disqualified McDaniel, even though the chain was actually Lawler's.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Kerry Von Erich pinned Col. DeBeers ... Bad Company defeated Rick Morton & John Paul by disqualification ... Madusa Miceli pinned Magnificent Mimi.

## WASHINGTON, DC By Cathy Diamondi



**STAN LANE  
vs.  
MIKE ROTUNDO**



Lane took a break from wrestling tag team with The Midnight Express to take on Rotundo. One year ago, the fans would have been on Rotundo's side, but now Lane is hearing cheers. The match was even until Kevin Sullivan handed Rotundo a foreign object. The Varsity Club member closed his fist and belted Lane, who was then easy prey for the pin. Lane may not wrestle many singles matches, but when he does again, he'll surely want to face Rotundo.

**OTHER BOUTS:** The "Original" Midnight Express defeated The Fantastics ... Bam Bam Bigelow pinned Russian Assassin II ... Nikita Koloff pinned Russian Assassin I ... Rick Steiner defeated Barry Windham by disqualification ... Sting & Lex Luger beat Road Warrior Animal & Ric Flair.

## BINGHAMTON, NY By Chris Bors



**THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR  
vs.  
THE HONKY TONK MAN**



This grudge match was for The Ultimate Warrior's Intercontinental title. Like he did when he won the belt, the Warrior shocked Honky Tonk by storming the ring and taking complete control of the match, using power moves to dominate his weaker opponent. Honky Tonk tried to retaliate, but eventually lost by disqualification when Jimmy Hart hit the Warrior with Honky Tonk's guitar while the Warrior had Honky Tonk up in a gorilla-press.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Akeem pinned S.D. Jones ... Jacques & Raymond Rougeau beat The Hart Foundation ... Brutus Beefcake pinned Ron Bass ... Dino Bravo beat Hacksaw Duggan by countout ... Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard beat Paul Roma & Jim Powers ... The Blue Blazer pinned Danny Davis.



# Matt Brock's PLAIN SPEAKING



**MR. FUJI & THE POWERS OF PAIN**

**RICHFIELD, OH:** There's a good side and a bad side to everything. Bad side: Starrcade, the NWA's annual Thanksgiving Day extravaganza, and usually the best card of *every* year, was nowhere to be found on Thanksgiving this year. Good side: Starrcade isn't gone. It was rescheduled this year for the day after Christmas. Better side: Moving Starrcade allowed me to attend the WWF's Survivor Series, which was so far above any other WWF

show in overall quality, it's hard to believe those were the same wrestlers that bored me to tears at SummerSlam and WrestleMania IV. Very simply put: Survivor Series was one of the top three or four wrestling cards of the year. These guys came to wrestle and provided the fans with action from start to finish. I said last year that the whole pay-per-view competition can only be good for wrestling because competition is always good for the fans. Well, if that's the case, I can hardly wait to see SuperClash III and Starrcade '88; Survivor Series was *that* good, and the crowd seemed to enjoy it, too. When you get right down to it, the Survivor Series is kind of like the WWF's All-Star Game. There are no titles on the line, just the best wrestlers in the federation doing what they do best. And since each wrestler is only in the ring for a few minutes at a time—if that much—they're all at their best for the entire match. That was certainly true of the tag team event, a 42-minute slugfest that ended with Mr. Fuji managing The Powers of Pain, Demolition without a manager, and Barbarian pinning one of the Conquistadors (who can tell which is which?). The Conquistadors, by the way, were the surprise of the night. Who would've expected them to be the last team eliminated? Here's a pair of guys who aren't even close to winning the tag belts, but they put forth quite an effort. I counted at least 15 near pins on The Conquistadors, but nobody—until Barbarian—could put them away. As for the main event, Elizabeth shouldn't have been anywhere near the ring in the first place, but the team captained by Bossman and Akeem should've been disqualified when Bossman handcuffed Hogan to the ropes. A few suggestions for Survivor Series III: Eliminate managers from ringside. It's already too crowded. Bring back the women's match; it was one of the best matches last year. Get rid of the second referee outside the ring; I'm not sure exactly what he did. Most important,



## Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor

however, bring back the Survivor Series. And keep Starrcade on December 26 so I can attend *both* shows.

**MEMPHIS, TN:** News item: The WWF isn't the only federation where beasts—and I mean domestic and wild animals—rule the ring. Now there's this guy in the CWA who calls himself The Pit Viper. As you might have guessed, this no-talent masked zookeeper comes into the ring with his snake in a bag, just like—surprise!—Jake "The Snake" Roberts. In a match against Jerry Lawler, Viper was preparing to take his snake out of the bag when the bell rang and Lawler snuck up behind him. Lawler grabbed Viper—the man, not the animal—and pinned him in well under a minute. Another suggestion for the powers that be in every federation (I might be too full of ideas this issue, but tough luck): Animals do not belong in the ring or at ringside. A wrestler should not have to wrestle or worry about his opponent's pet. It's an unfair advantage. The WWF, with its dogs, snakes, and birds, is the main offender, but I see a dangerous trend developing. This *must* stop. Wrestlers should be forced to get by on their own skills. If they can't, get rid of them. This is wrestling, not a veterinary clinic.

**ATLANTA, GA:** Dusty Rhodes stood alone in the ring and said, "Let's do it now," so The Road Warriors didn't wait. Right there, they beat Rhodes to a pulp and came within inches of blinding him for life. Well, give Rhodes credit for guts, but he doesn't have much in the way of brains. There are just some things you don't do: walk blindfolded across the street in heavy traffic, get in the path of a machine gun's bullets, and challenge The Legion of Doom two-on-one. I'm not here to criticize Rhodes, but I do want to point out that he never had a chance. What did he expect? Did he actually think he could take on Animal *and* Hawk? No way. Perhaps he thought the Warriors wouldn't accept his challenge, or wouldn't be around to accept it, making Dusty look good. Well, if that was his plan, it wasn't too smart. The Warriors, of course, used a



**THE ROAD WARRIORS ATTACK DUSTY RHODES**

spike on Rhodes—which isn't stupid, but *is* pretty cowardly. The Warriors once used only one weapon: their bare hands. My admiration for this incredible duo has dropped markedly.

**JACKSON, TN:** Jeff Jarrett has always been a pretty talented young wrestler, but he used to be more pretty than talented. Now he's damn good. And he regained the World Class light heavyweight title from Eric Embry here on November 24 to help prove it. Embry is an awfully good wrestler in his own right, but it's time to give credit where it's due. Jarrett has it all: He's strong for his size, he has a tremendous scientific repertoire, and he's willing to pay his dues. That means he doesn't take shortcuts in his matches, and you can always find him working out in a gym. It's taken Jarrett a few years to fully develop, but let me tell you this: This guy could very well win a world title some day. □

---

**COMING JANUARY 24:  
A VERY SPECIAL EDITION OF**

***SPORTS REVIEW***

**Wrestling**

**FULL-COLOR EXTRAVAGANZA!**

*FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, OUR ANNUAL "YEAR IN PICTURES" FEATURE WILL INCLUDE A DYNAMIC FULL-COLOR SECTION! THRILL TO A SPECIAL EIGHT-PAGE INSERT HIGHLIGHTING THE MOST IMPORTANT MATCHES, SIGNIFICANT TITLE CHANGES, AND DRAMATIC EVENTS OF 1988*

**EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE!**

*SPORTS REVIEW WRESTLING'S AWARD-WINNING STAFF OF PHOTOGRAPHERS AND EDITORS TRAVELS THE GLOBE TO COVER THE ACTION FROM EVERY FEDERATION AS NO OTHER PUBLICATION POSSIBLY CAN! THE RESULT IS AN UNPARALLELED LOOK AT WRESTLING IN ALL ITS MAGNIFICENCE!*

**DON'T MISS IT!**

**THE EXCITING MARCH 1989 ISSUE OF *SPORTS REVIEW WRESTLING* GOES ON SALE JANUARY 24 AND IS GUARANTEED TO BE A NEWSSTAND SELLOUT—PICK UP YOUR COPY EARLY!**

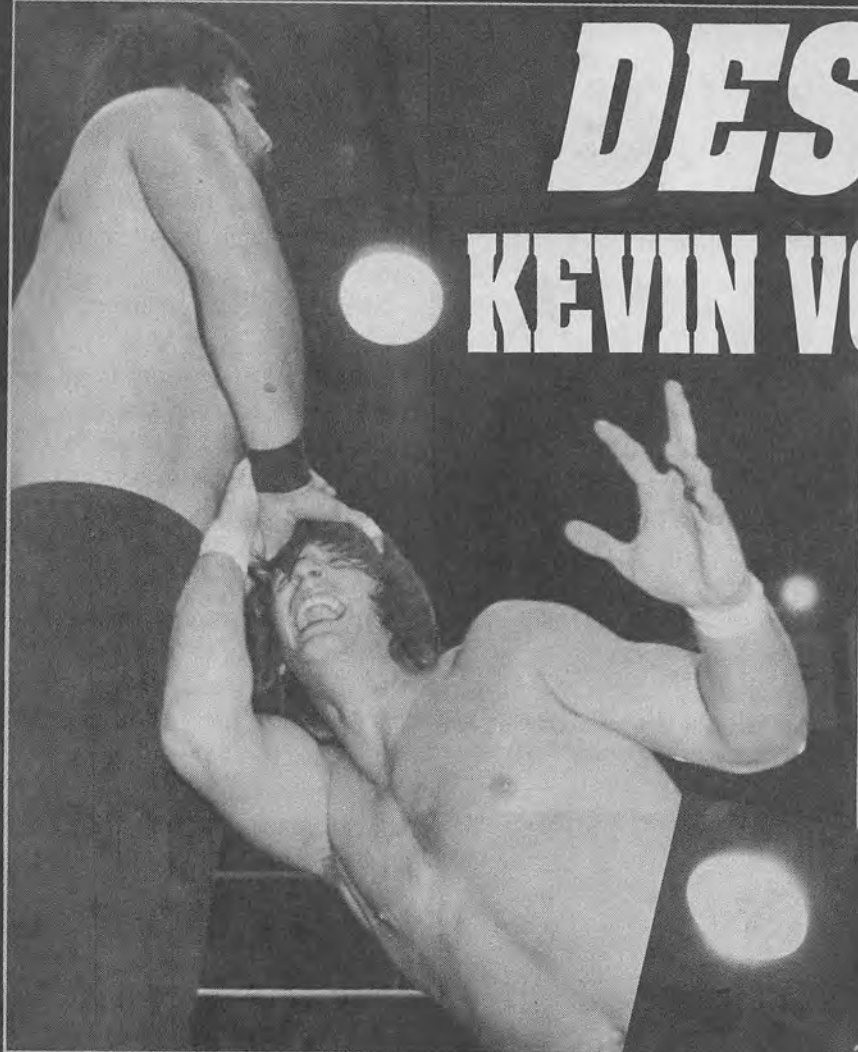
**THE BEST KEEPS GETTING BETTER!**

---



# *Beaten By His Own Hand:* **WILL THE CLAWHOLD DESTROY KEVIN VON ERICH?**

Photos by Buddy Myers

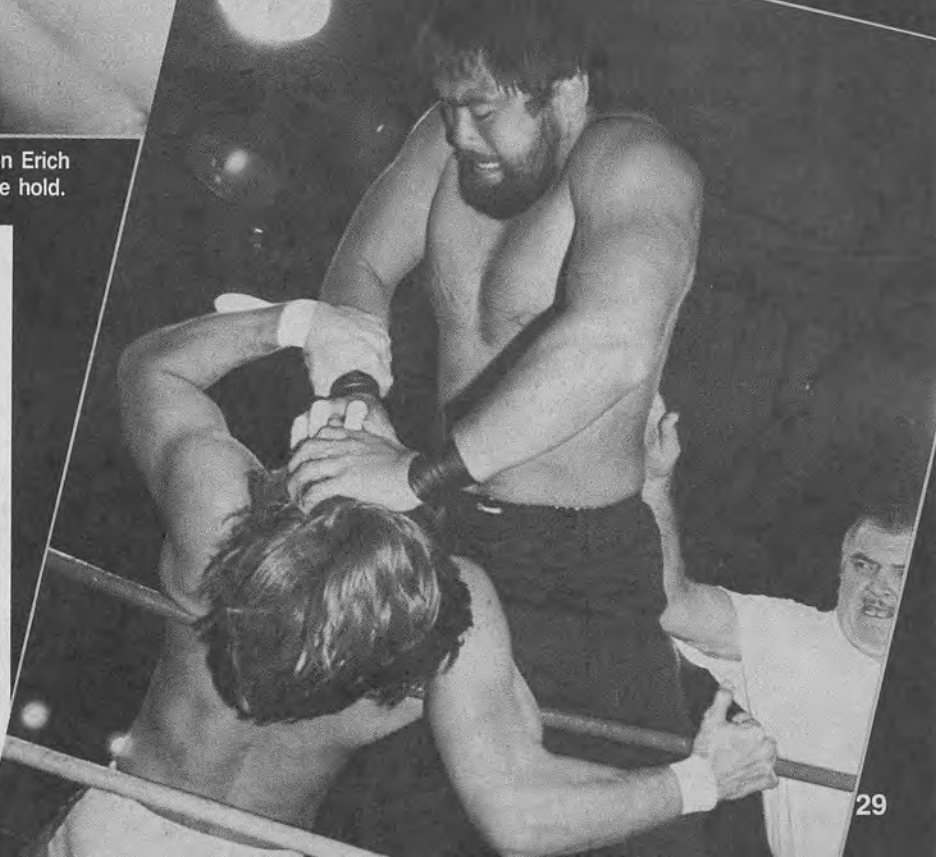


It's claw and disorder in the World Class area as Kevin Von Erich and Super Black Ninja wage a savage battle over bragging rights to wrestling's deadliest hold!

Super Black Ninja clamps the claw on Kevin Von Erich (above and right), who is himself a master of the hold.

**T**EXAN KEVIN VON ERICH proudly contends his claw is the most effective in the sport. Nearly 7,000 miles to the west, Japanese rule-breaker Super Black Ninja silently defends *his* grip as the world's most deadly. A look at history reveals a bitter feud over the claw's origins that may eliminate *both* men from active competition.

While several wrestlers around the world take credit for inventing the deadly clawhold, the Germans are generally credited with importing the maneuver to American shores. A sadistic



clique of grapplers, including Waldo Von Erich, Killer Karl Krupp, and Baron Von Raschke, received instruction in the deadly hold, reportedly the result of Nazi research into the darker environs of sports medicine. Since it has been introduced to professional rings, many Americans—Blackjacks Mulligan and Lanza, Kerry and Kevin Von Erich, The Spoiler, and Ted DiBiase—have commandeered the grip with great success.

The clawhold lends itself to variation. Where on the body it is applied, the amount of arm pressure, the strength of the grip itself—all contribute to the creation of different types of clawholds. Mulligan estimates there are at least 15 distinct variations to the hold.

According to wrestling historian Burl Meridian, the claw, in its most basic form, was actually invented more than 1,000 years ago in Osaka, Japan. A group of priests are said to have taught the secret deathgrip to the local shogun, Kishikawa, in return for his pro-

Kevin leaps at Ninja off the top rope (above) and levels him with a dropkick (below). Ninja claims that the clawhold was passed down to him through the generations; Kevin learned the maneuver from his father Fritz.



tection and generosity. The shogun employed the claw as the cornerstone of his arsenal, teaching it to his sons, who taught it to their children, and so on through the generations. As fate would have it, one of Kishikawa's descendants is Super Black Ninja. The lineage, according to Meridian, is indisputable.

"The Japanese are very precise about their origins," the historian says. "Family history is extremely important to them. Super Black Ninja considers the claw a family legacy, and rightfully so."

Kevin Von Erich considers the claw a family legacy too.

"My earliest memory is of my father [Fritz] teaching the claw to me and my brothers," Kevin says. "He gave us each a ball of wax and told us to squeeze it on our way to and from school. He used to say, 'If you take care of your hands, they'll take care of you.' I don't care *who* invented the move, all I know is the Von Erichs have the best clawhold in the world."

You would find little argument from the Japanese on that account. Ever since Fritz Von Erich's first rampage through Japan in the mid-'60s the Japanese have regarded the Von Erich clawhold with fear and reverence. His claw resulted in injuries to more than a dozen Japanese wrestlers, three of whom required hospital treatment. The visit made a lasting impact on a youthful Ninja warrior.

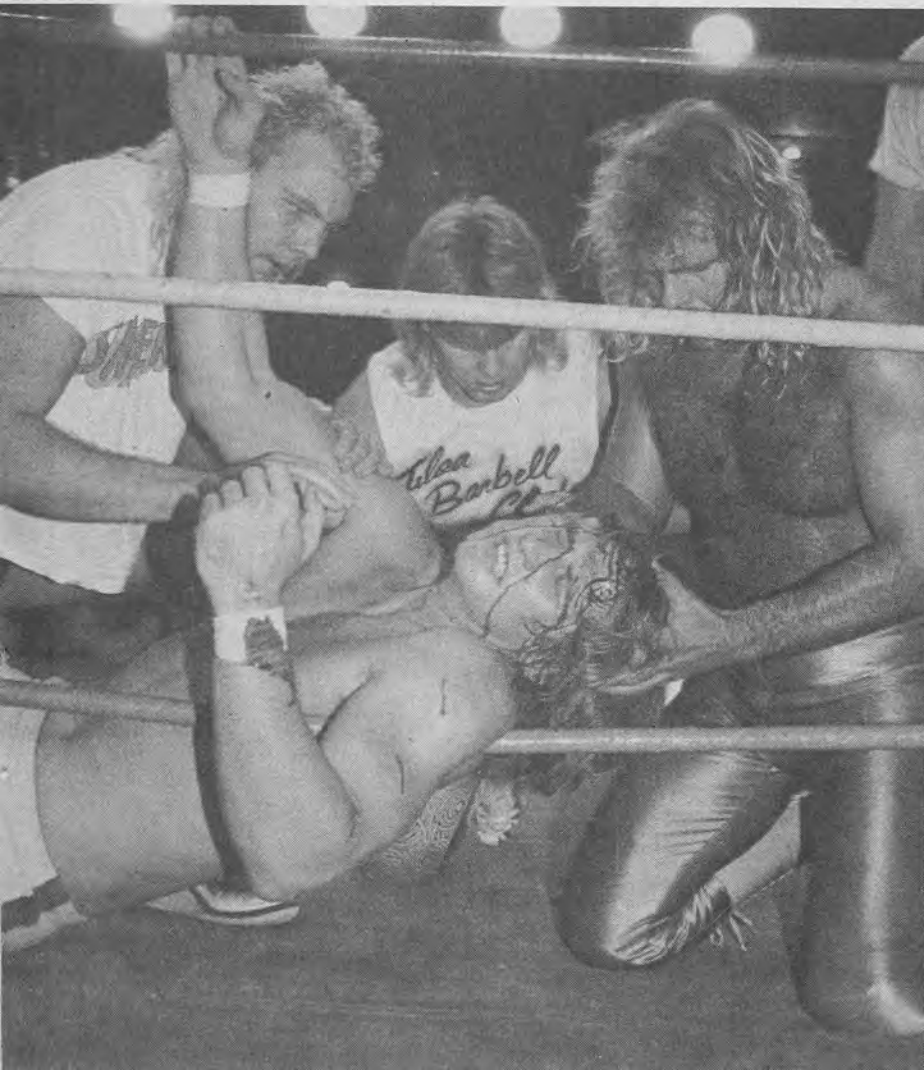
"Super Black Ninja was a youngster, not yet a pro grappler, but well on his way; he was taking advanced instruction in the martial arts," Meridian remembers. "The wake of destruction left by Von Erich left a lasting impression on him. To see *his* claw being used to massacre *his* people enraged him. He vowed to avenge the savagery. Once a Ninja makes a vow, only death can prevent him from fulfilling it."

Texas fans call it, appropriately, "The War Of The Claw." Since Kendo Nagasaki brought Super Black Ninja to the World Class area, Von Erich has engaged both stars in fierce battle. Ironically, it is the claw that





Ninja uses the claw on Kevin while his mentor, Kendo Nagasaki, holds back referee Bronco Lubich with a kendo stick (above). The damage done, Kevin is helped by Kendall Windham, Steve Cox, and Michael Hayes (below).



threatens both competitors with extinction.

"They won't use another hold," lamented Fritz Von Erich. "It's the oddest thing I've ever seen. When I went to Japan, I used the claw, but I also used the figure-four, the abdominal stretch, and plenty of other moves as finishers. I keep telling Kevin that by mixing up his attack, the claw will be more effective. But he won't listen. He's stubborn, just like he was when he was wrestling Chris Adams years ago. This war is claw vs. claw right down the line, and I don't think anything can change that fact."

Actually, Von Erich and Ninja do use other weapons. Von Erich has stunned Ninja with a devastating aerial attack against which Ninja can muster little resistance. Ninja has used his manager's kendo stick with brutal success. In the end, however, it is the claw that is always deployed as the ultimate weapon of victory.

"I'm telling him straight out I won't win by pinfall," Kevin says. "I don't want him disqualified or counted out. Ninja *will* submit to the Von Erich claw. I guarantee it. I will teach Ninja the meaning of fear and respect. My claw is the best. I know it's better than anything he can do."

Neither Ninja nor Nagasaki would allow a Japanese-English translator into their compound, but a quote from them is not hard to imagine: "Anything he can do, we can do better." These men like to wrestle by committee, an illegal advantage not overlooked by Fritz, who remains concerned about his son's success in this war.

"When Kevin gets like this, there's no talking to him," his father says. "He becomes all heart and no brains. I don't care how good he feels or how mad he is, nothing short of an *electric* claw is going to stop Ninja and Nagasaki. Kerry and I will have to keep an eye on him. Family honor is worth fighting for, but you've got to be careful of crossing the line between fighting for honor and feuding out of control. Right now, Kevin's a little too close to that line for my taste." □

## The Curt Hennig Story:

# "MR. PERFECT'S" NOT-SO-PERFECT PAST... AND *PRESENT!*

**H**E'S BIGGER THAN life as he lights up your television screen each week. See him bowl a 300 game. Watch him hit a home run on every pitch. Marvel as he sinks a 40-foot putt on the golf course.

Curt Hennig is perfect. He's *always* perfect.

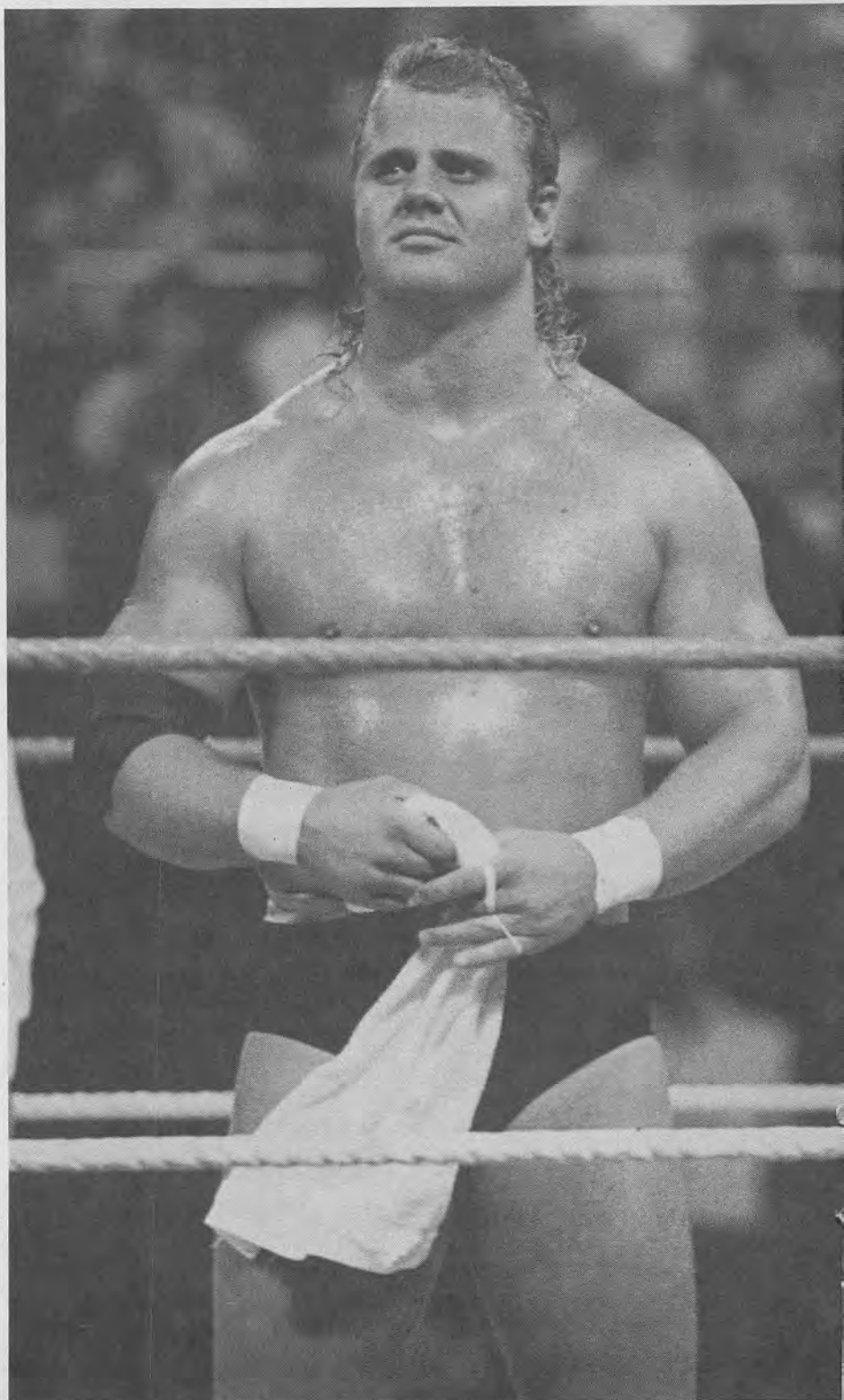
At least he says he is.

Hennig would like you to believe that *everything* he does is flawless. He's even adopted the nickname "Mr. Perfect" since entering the WWF this past July. He claims that everything he's ever done has been impeccable, and boasts that he's never made a mistake in his life.

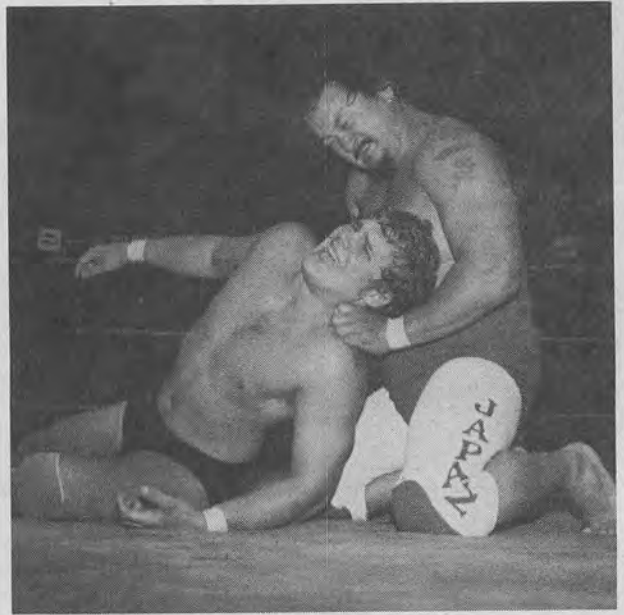
This former AWA World champion is certainly a top talent, clearly one of the best wrestlers in the sport. He's proven his worth against competitors all over the world. But *perfect?*

Actually, Hennig's bravado is probably an effort to keep fans

**Since entering the WWF, Curt Hennig wants to be called "Mr. Perfect," and claims that he *is* perfect—in every conceivable way. Is Hennig truly convinced of his talents, or is he using his new image as a smokescreen in an effort to conceal his rocky past?**







Curt Hennig catches Jim Brunzell in an abdominal stretch (left). Mr. Fuji chokes Hennig when "Mr. Perfect" was a young wrestler in the WWF (above). Hennig is about to be pinned by Jerry Lawler and lose the AWA title (below).



from peering into his past, a history that in spots becomes as dubious as those videotaped strikes and putts. As with most new WWF arrivals, the federation says nothing about Hennig's history—but Hennig, like most everyone else, had his share of hard times on the way to stardom.

"Who's ever been more perfect than Curt?" defends his father, Larry "The Ax" Hennig, a former AWA rulebreaker. "The man is a former AWA World champion, a for-

mer AWA World tag team champion, and a former Pacific Northwest heavyweight champion. Show me another wrestler who can match that kind of a record."

Of course, Larry didn't mention the low points of Curt's career. In 1981, Hennig began his career with great fanfare, winning his first match in front of his hometown Minnesota fans against veteran Bill Howard at the St. Paul Civic Center. Like his mentor, Verne Gagne, Hennig tried to uphold the best tra-

ditions of scientific wrestling in a sport that was becoming more violent each day.

Not long after his debut, Hennig ventured to the WWF, where he found the going a bit rougher. Although outmatched at that point in his career by the likes of Buddy Rose, Don Muraco, and Ray Stevens, Hennig showed a great deal of promise. He began perfecting some outstanding aerial maneuvers, which included an incredible drop-

*(Continued on page 54)*

# COLLISION

## Wrestling Isn't Big Enough For



This is the "Original" Midnight Express—Randy Rose and Dennis Condrey—managed by Paul E. Dangerously. Paul E. is determined to prove his superiority over ...

Paul E. Dangerously and his "Original" Midnight Express instantly started a feud with Jim Cornette and *his* Midnight Express when they attacked them during a TV match. Now, with The Midnight Express name at stake, the NWA braces for total war!



# COURSE!

## Two Midnight Express Teams



... this team, the other Midnight Express—Stan Lane and Bobby Eaton—led by Jim Cornette. Cornette was bloodied by Dangerously in a brutal sneak-attack.

**J**IM CORNETTE CAN'T forget the day Paul E. Dangerously and his "Original" Midnight Express entered the NWA. The scar he wears on his forehead won't let him. Neither will the white sport jacket defiled with his own blood.

Worst of all, Dangerously won't let him forget, either.

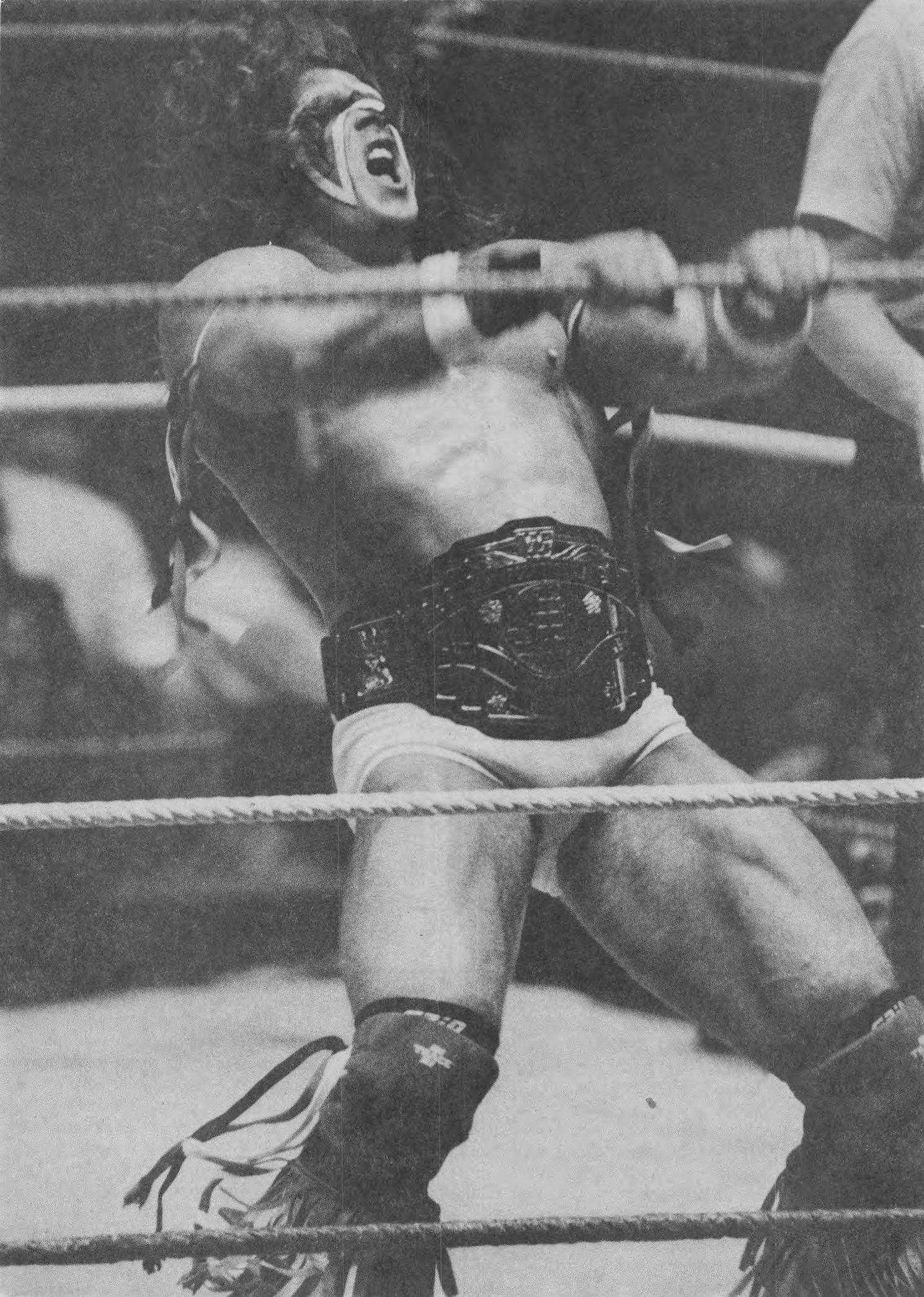
"Think about us, Jimbo," goads Dangerously. "Never forget who the *real* Midnight Express is, Jim-

my boy. Before, you could insult my superior team all you wanted. Now, I'm giving you and your overrated bums a chance to get out of the NWA before we destroy you *forever*. If you stick around, what we did to you already is gonna look like a Sunday picnic, son."

"Ol' Paul E. thinks he's a big man now, eh?" asked Cornette sarcastically. "Well, there's no way

those two old fools he manages can ever top my champions in a *real* match, so they attack us from behind. This is the worst mistake Dangerously ever made. We're gonna end his so-called managerial career before it even gets started."

Instant hatred, instant feud. Now, the NWA is bracing for Midnight Express vs. "Original" Midnight Express (Continued on page 62)





## Quick Victory, Slow Torture

# ULTIMATE WARRIOR'S PLAN TO PUNISH HONKY TONK MAN

AS THE Honky Tonk Man walks down the runway with his manager Jimmy Hart prior to a match against The Ultimate Warrior, one gets the image of a doomed man being led from his prison cell, through the lonely halls of death row, and into the hands of the executioner.

The Honky Tonk Man is the former WWF Intercontinental champion, but ever since August 29, 1988, at Madison Square Garden, it has been clear that he is no match for the bigger, stronger, and more determined Ultimate Warrior. It is a mismatch made in hell for the man who so proudly wore the belt for more than 14 months.

If only somebody would give him a hood to wear over his head, perhaps this slow torture and annihilation would be easier to take. Those doomed to death have nothing on The Honky Tonk Man ... and now it's about to get worse.

Steel cage matches are often used as a last resort by federations to end a feud that has been so tightly fought, when there's simply no re-



Ultimate Warrior slams The Honky Tonk Man. In almost all their matches, the Warrior has given Honky a frightful beating.

course but to lock up the two men like animals so they can settle matters once and for all.

So why are Honky Tonk and Ultimate Warrior about to step into the

cage for a nationwide series of brutal one-on-one bouts? Their battles have not been close, although they have been hard-fought. The Ultimate Warrior has clearly dominated his over-matched opponent. If not for Jimmy Hart, a guitar, and some well-placed white powder, Honky Tonk would have been beaten to the point of total obliteration long ago.

So why does it go on?

"Let's face it, Ultimate Warrior established his domination the first time they ever met," said Davey Boy Smith, who has followed Honky Tonk's career since his days in the Stampede area. "He beat him in what, 31 seconds? That's pretty solid. At that point, the WWF should've just decided to give Honky Tonk two or three rematches and that's it. I know Ultimate attacked him from behind, but that was total annihilation."

That was the quick victory. Now, Honky Tonk is experiencing a slow torture: systematic destruction by a man he has no hope of beating.

"There are certain areas in which  
(Continued on page 58)

**The feud between The Honky Tonk Man and The Ultimate Warrior has raged since late August, and the Warrior has clearly been the dominant wrestler. But he has been waiting to carry out the final sentence on his archrival ... waiting, that is, until now!**

# HOTSEAT

## RICK STEINER

### "I'M NOT SO DUMB— I LEFT THE VARSITY CLUB!"

**R**ICK STEINER'S transformation from Varsity Club member to Varsity Club enemy has been a slow one. Then again, many wrestling fans think Steiner's not the swiftest of wrestlers.

It took time, but Steiner has finally realized that Kevin Sullivan and Mike Rotundo have been using him. Steiner played the fool for nearly a year as Sullivan and Rotundo abused him and laughed about it.

A talented scientific wrestler, Steiner was often unable to contain his childish antics and gestures. A favorite of his—"rabbit ears" fingers behind the head during interviews—especially annoyed Rotundo, who was losing patience with Steiner. Indeed, in a story in the Spring 1989 edition of *Wrestling Superstars*, Rotundo called Steiner "too dumb to be my partner!"

But the incident that caused the final break between Steiner and The Varsity Club occurred in Greenwood, South Carolina. Steiner was playfully directing the fans in an anti-Syracuse chant as Rotundo (a Syracuse University graduate) and new Varsity Club member Steve Williams wrestled The Fantastics. When Rotundo had Tommy Rogers up for a suplex, Steiner tripped Rotundo—leading to a Varsity Club disqualification. Williams and Sullivan beat up Steiner, and the battle lines

were clearly drawn.

*Inside Wrestling* Assistant Editor Gersh Kuntzman flew to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to chat with Steiner at the campus of his alma mater, the University of Michigan.

**Q:** First of all, Rick, I'd like to thank you for joining us for this "Hotseat" interview.

**A:** No problem. But where are the TV cameras?

“

**Am I supposed to be afraid of Mike Rotundo, a man who went to a weak school like Syracuse? Do you want me to be afraid of Kevin Sullivan? They're idiots.**

”

**Q:** No cameras, Rick, this is for the magazine. We already took photos of you.

**A:** Good. So what do you want to talk about, Gersh?

**Q:** Well, I wanted to discuss your current situation with the members of The Varsity Club.

**A:** What situation is that?

**Q:** Well, last week you suffered two major beatings at the hands of your former partners. I would think that you'd be alarmed.

**A:** Why, is there a fire?

**Q:** No, I mean alarmed that there are three guys all trying to destroy you. Doesn't that bother you?

**A:** Not really.

**Q:** Listen, Rick, the joking has to end. This is serious business.

**A:** Is it? Why's that? Am I supposed to be afraid of Mike Rotundo, a man who went to a weak school like Syracuse? Should I be afraid of Steve Williams, another product of a big education factory? Last of all, do you want me to be afraid of Kevin Sullivan? He went to Boston University, a school of rejects who didn't get into their top five choices. They're idiots.

**Q:** Are you saying that you're smarter than the three of them?

**A:** No.

**Q:** Then why are you criticizing their schools?

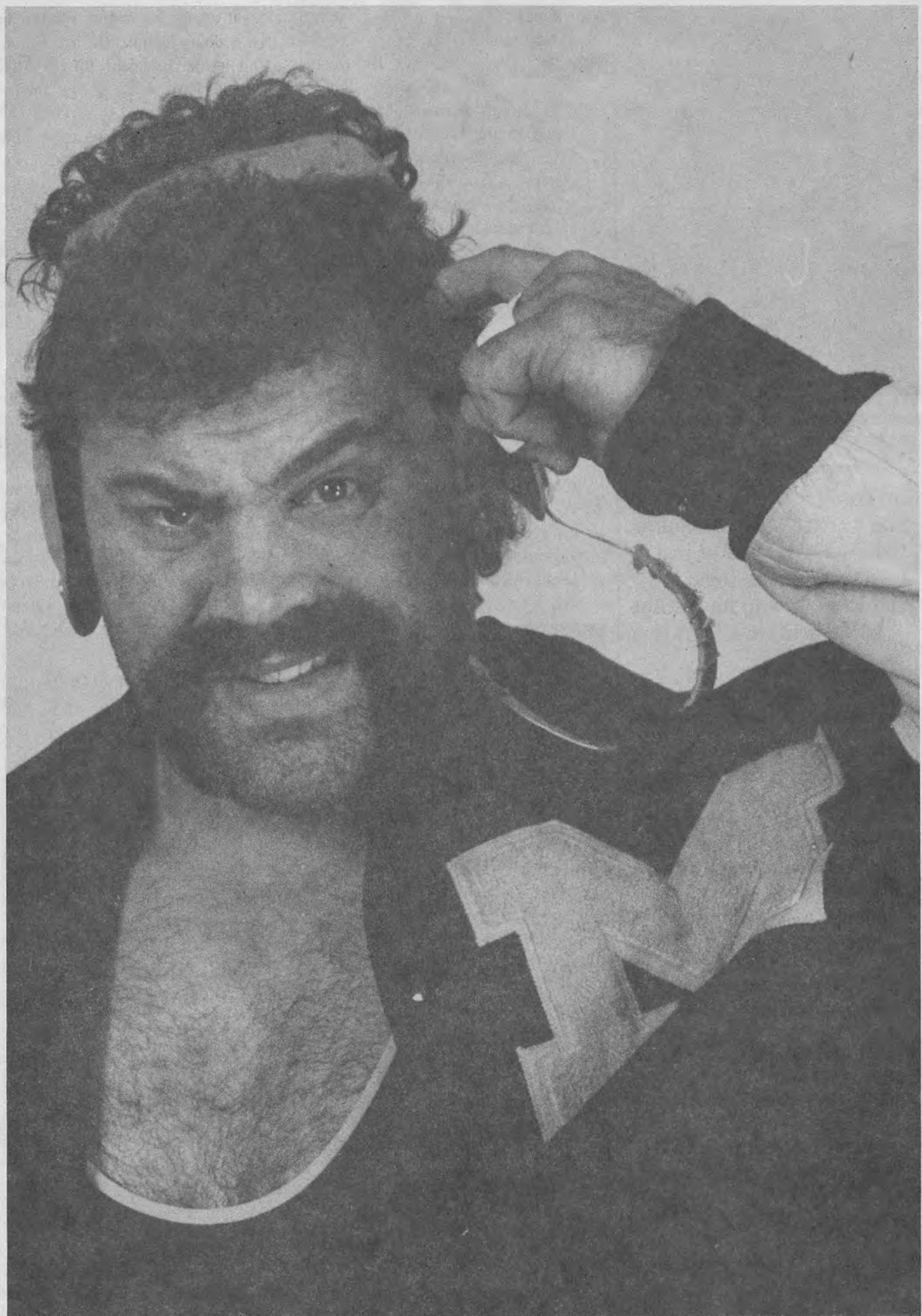
**A:** I'm just having fun.

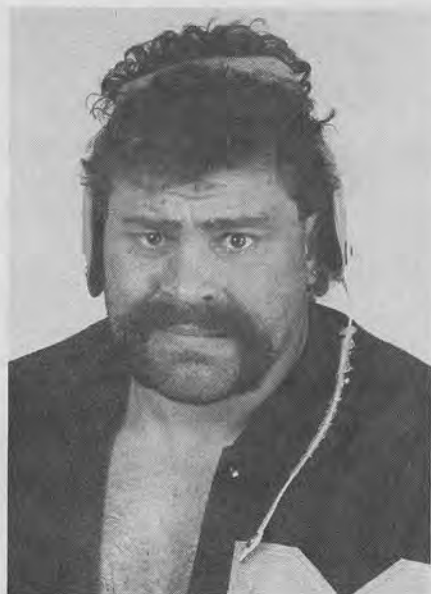
**Q:** Is this the same type of fun you were having when you were cheering for Dusty Rhodes in his match against Kevin Sullivan?

**A:** When did I cheer for Dusty Rhodes?

**Q:** On October 29 in New Orleans,







**“**  
**I'm going after those guys in**  
**The Varsity Club. I want to**  
**show them I'm not just**  
**some dumb jock.**  
**And I'm going to have some**  
**help, too.**

**”**

Kevin Sullivan had a dog-collar chain match against Dusty. Don't you remember? You came to ring-side and openly supported Dusty. Also that night, you and Rotundo had a big scuffle because you were parading around with his TV belt. Is that your idea of having fun? They beat you to a pulp that night!

**A:** Yeah, well, if I was cheering for Dusty, it's only because I have respect for him. Sure, he's been an enemy of mine, but I've always liked him.

**Q:** Rick, listen to what you're saying here! You say that Dusty has been an enemy of yours, yet you say that he's also been a friend! Isn't that contradiction typical of your alleged lack of intellectual fortitude?

**A:** What's that supposed to mean?

**Q:** Forget it. Anyway, tell me why you came to the aid of Sting after that wild match in Richmond,

Virginia.

**A:** What match?

**Q:** (sighs) The match when The Road Warriors turned against Sting. You, Rotundo, and Sullivan were losing to the Warriors and Sting. When Sting got into the match and clamped a scorpion leglock on Rotundo, the Warriors beat up Sting. In the ensuing melee, you actually helped Sting by getting the stretcher.

**A:** Did I really help Sting? Wow, that was really nice of me, huh?

**Q:** Nice, maybe. Unappreciated, definitely.

**A:** What do you mean?

**Q:** Well, don't you remember? Both Sullivan and Rotundo chewed you out pretty severely in the locker room afterward.

**A:** Well, they yell at me so often, I can't separate the different times anymore! If I helped Sting, it was because I think he's a great wrestler. I hate to see guys like that get

beat up for no reason. Shucks, he was doing his job. He had Rotundo in the scorpion! I'll bet Mike would have never gotten out of that! *Ha ha ha!*

**Q:** What are you laughing at? Rotundo and Sullivan have beaten you up twice in the last two weeks. Maybe Rotundo is right and you are too dumb to be his partner.

**A:** Hey, that's not nice, Gersh. If you're gonna act like Rotundo and Sullivan and make fun of me, we might as well end this interview right now. Besides, I'm not so dumb, I left The Varsity Club, didn't I? And I'm not too dumb that I'm not bitter about how they treated me. I want to get them all.

**Q:** What are your other future plans? You began to wrestle Ric Flair recently. Do you think you can beat him?

**A:** Yes, but Flair's not a target of mine. I'm going to go after those guys in The Varsity Club. I want

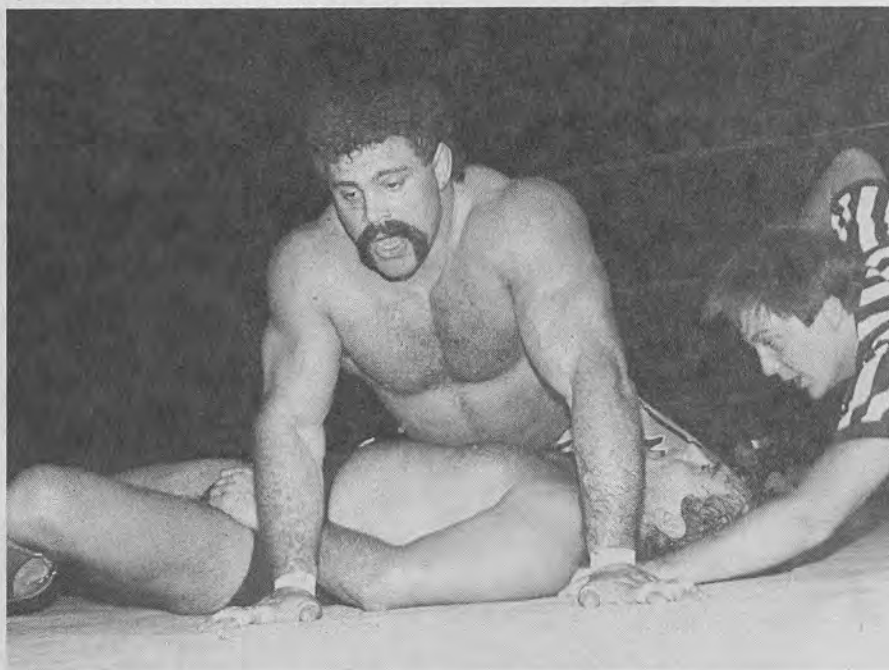


When they were together in The Varsity Club, Rick Steiner and Mike Rotundo were always bickering. Now that arguing has evolved into a full-fledged feud.





Steiner whips Steve Williams, the newest member of The Varsity Club, across the ring (above) and covers Rotundo for the pin (below). Steiner got tired of being treated like dirt by Rotundo and Kevin Sullivan, so he moved out on his own.



to show them that I'm not just some dumb jock. And I'm going to have some help, too.

**Q:** Help? Like who?

**A:** Right now I'm teaming with Ron Simmons.

**Q:** Rick, forgive me, but Ron Simmons is not exactly the kind of tag team partner who's going to instill fear in the hearts of guys like Williams, Rotundo, and Sullivan. I thought you were going to form a new alliance with Eddie Gilbert, who's returned to the NWA to

combat The Varsity Club.

**A:** He did? Well, isn't *that* fortunate for me? Why did he come back?

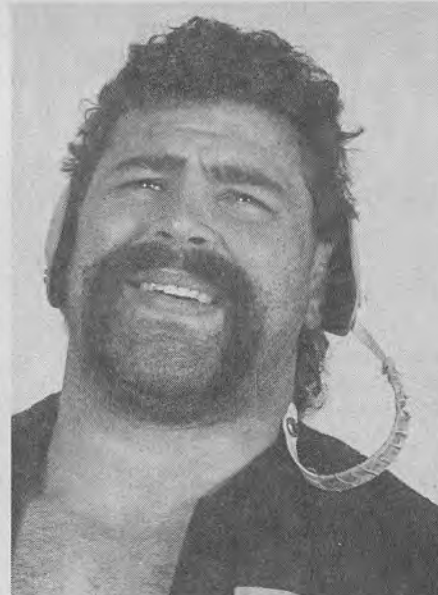
**Q:** He came back because of what you guys did to Jimmy Garvin.

**A:** I don't remember that.

**Q:** You don't remember breaking Jimmy Garvin's leg with a cinderblock? You don't remember almost ruining a guy's career?

**A:** Okay, *now* I remember. Yeah, that's a bummer about Garvin. He was always such a good guy.

**Q:** And now Gilbert is coming back



“

If I helped Sting, it was because I think he's a great wrestler. I hate to see guys like that get beat up for no reason.

”

because of his longtime friendship with Garvin. And if you act wisely, you can capitalize on Gilbert's strong animosity toward Sullivan.

**A:** Yeah, and I hear that Gilbert doesn't like Sullivan either!

**Q:** That's what I just said! I think a Gilbert-Steiner tag team is a natural.

**A:** I hope so. That sounds nice. Any help I can get to beat up Rotundo and Sullivan is welcome.

**Q:** And your Florida singles title? What's happening with that?

**A:** What Florida singles title?

**Q:** The one that Rotundo gave you to defend. What's the status with that belt?

**A:** I don't know. Maybe you should ask the NWA.

**Q:** Well, at any rate, thanks for the interview, Rick.

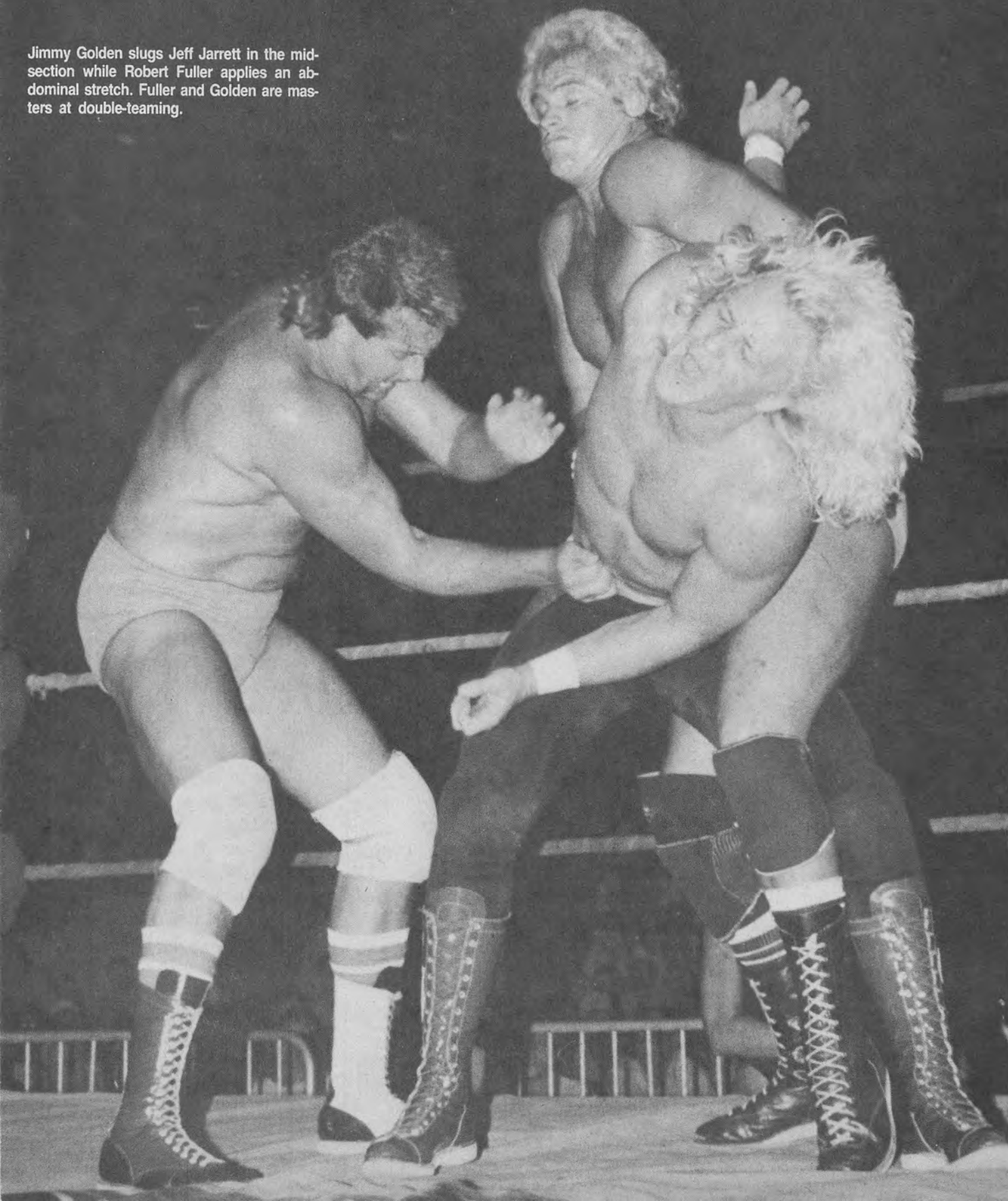
**A:** Anytime, Bill.

**Q:** Gersh.

**A:** Right. You're welcome. □

# Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden:

Jimmy Golden slugs Jeff Jarrett in the mid-section while Robert Fuller applies an abdominal stretch. Fuller and Golden are masters at double-teaming.





# THE TENNESSEE VIOLENCE AUTHORITY!

**After months of dominating the wrestling scene in Memphis, Robert Fuller and Jimmy Golden are now the CWA tag team champions. In the wake of sheer, senseless violence, The Stud Stable remains in firm control over the CWA!**

IF LIFE WERE fair, 1988 would be remembered as the greatest wrestling year in the history of Memphis. After all, when the city's favorite son, Jerry Lawler, won the AWA World title, the entire city celebrated for weeks.

Unfortunately, when most fans think of 1988, Lawler's moment of glory almost becomes lost among the memories of mayhem and brutality. The charter members of The Stud Stable, Robert Fuller and Jimmy Golden, turned what would have been a banner year for the CWA into a year of absolute terror.

"Hey, cousin Jimmy and I *rule* wrestling, daddy," boasted the 6'6" Fuller after he and Golden won the CWA tag team title from former Stable mates Cactus Jack and Gary Young on November 7 in Memphis. "It's not enough to be winners. It's not even enough to be champions. What we do is *dominate*. We do whatever we want, anytime we want—and that's the way it's always gonna be, Jack."

"Robbie and I can beat *anybody*," claims Golden. "We've been real kind in letting a lot of other wrestlers join our elite group, but rest assured—Robbie and I are the *real* Stud Stable. These belts prove it for *sure*."

Fuller wants nothing less than complete control over the CWA. Despite valiant attempts by men like Jeff Jarrett, Lawler, and Bill Dundee to stop him, Fuller has been an unquali-

fied success. This can be attributed to shrewd maneuvering—and good timing.

Early 1988 was mostly uneventful for Fuller and Golden. They had formed The Stud Stable in the Continental area in March, signing Dutch Mantel and Detroit Demolition to lucrative short-term contracts.

"We scored some big victories, but

what he saw—mainly, a depleted talent roster: Gilbert left the area soon afterward, and when Lawler won the AWA World title from Curt Hennig, it took him away from the CWA to defend his World championship. With two of the CWA's biggest guns—Lawler and Gilbert—gone, it was time for Fuller and Golden to take over. It was time for the Stud Stable concept to return.



Fuller uses the tape that was wrapped around his wrists to choke AWA World champion Jerry Lawler. Tactics like this have become standard fare in Fuller's repertoire.

we wanted to make some *real* noise," recalled Golden, an Alabama native. "Luckily, we got a phone call from our buddy 'Hot Stuff' Eddie Gilbert late in April."

Gilbert hired Fuller as a bounty hunter against Lawler, then his most hated enemy. When Fuller arrived in Memphis, he looked around and liked

"We made big-money offers to all the best talent," said Fuller. "We hired Downtown Bruno as a manager. I introduced our gorgeous valet, Sylvia, to the wrestling world. We signed up Gary Young, Brickhouse Brown, Phil Hickerson, Cactus Jack, The Rock 'n' Roll RPMs, Sid Vicious, The 'Great Senshe, and Tojo Yamamoto. No way



Golden and Fuller beat on their former partner, Cactus Jack (above). Stud Stable valet Sylvia whacks Jarrett with a kendo stick (below).



wimps like Jarrett or Dundee could touch us! We literally took over this operation. *Ha!* Before you knew it, we was *feared*, baby!"

Proving there's safety in numbers, The Stud Stable went on a rulebreaking rampage throughout the spring and summer. Fuller broke Jarrett's arm with a baseball bat. Outside interference by Fuller and Sylvia enabled Hickerson to win the CWA title from Max Pain. The RPMs, also with help from Sylvia, won the CWA tag belts. Worst of all, television matches began to resemble lynchings, with four, five, or even six Stable members ganging up on their helpless opponents!

"There isn't a man in Memphis who can't defeat Fuller or Golden in a one-on-one match," complained Jeff Jarrett, who has vowed to drive them out of wrestling. "But you *never* get the chance to meet them alone. Every time either of them get in trouble, here come a bunch of guys and that Sylvia tramp to save their butts. This situation is an embarrassment to the CWA."

It was an embarrassment that

wouldn't go away. For months, the Stable controlled the CWA and its titles. Then things began to turn sour during late summer. Brown left the fold after being racially insulted during a TV interview. The RPMs and Hickerson were stripped of their respective titles in October. Things started to look bleak for the Stable.

"That's when me and Jimmy decided to get *really* tough," said Fuller. "Too many people in the organization hadn't been living up to our high standards. It was time for me and Jimmy to show everybody what the *real* Stud Stable was all about. We took matters into our own hands."

Actually, it was Sylvia's hands that made the difference. Cactus Jack and Young won the CWA tag team title at a late-October tournament. But later, during a TV interview, a heated argument broke out over which team should get a shot at the AWA World tag team title. Sylvia, backed by Fuller and Golden, viciously attacked Jack, Young, and Downtown Bruno with a kendo stick, leaving them bloody and unconscious. In typical Stable style, a new feud was born.

"Yeah—and look who won!" laughed Golden. While it's true that Fuller and Golden defeated Jack and Young for the CWA tag belts, it was the outside interference of Sylvia, wielding that same kendo stick, that was the deciding factor in the match.

If life were fair, Lawler would stop touring the world and return to Memphis to end this reign of terror. Dundee and Jarrett would be the tag team champions after getting a fair match against Fuller and Golden. These months of senseless violence would finally be over.

Instead, Fuller and Golden continue to dominate CWA wrestling. No matter who the other members of The Stud Stable may be, these callous men continue to call the shots. And as long as they flash the dollars, they're likely to be surrounded by their henchmen, and they're likely to remain in control.

Nobody has been able to stop them. But then again, nobody ever said life was fair. □



# BACK ISSUES OF

# PRO Wrestling ILLUSTRATED

Complete your collection of **PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED**. Don't miss out on the excellence that has made **PWI** the leader in wrestling journalism. **PLUS**—Each issue contains a giant **FULL-COLOR** poster of one of your favorite wrestling stars. Quantities limited—order today! [NOTE: Cover stories noted in **BOLDFACE**.]

**June 1982/COLOR PINUP:** Nick Bockwinkel. **Adonis & Ventura**, Snuka, Patera, Flair.

**August 1982/COLOR PINUP:** Dino Bravo. **Steamboat & Rich**, Andre, Martel, Piper, Blissie.

**October 1982/COLOR PINUP:** Jerry Lawler. **Ric Flair**, Rhodes, Graham, Race, Funk Jr.

**January 1983/COLOR PINUP:** Ken Patera. **Rick Steamboat**, Rich, Brody, Sullivan, Backlund.

**February 1983/COLOR PINUP:** Ivan Putski. **Rhodes vs. Garvin**, Snuka, Super Destroyer, Bockwinkel, Funk.

**April 1983/COLOR PINUP:** Superstar Graham. **Mil Mascaras**, Valentine, Orndorff, Hart.

**June 1983/COLOR PINUP:** Cowboy Bob Orton. **Rick Martel**, Von Erich, Slaughter, Muraco.

**July 1983/COLOR PINUP:** Ivan Koloff. **Tommy Rich**, Patera, Von Erich, Snuka.

**August 1983/COLOR PINUP:** Larry Zbyszko. **Roddy Piper**, Sullivan, Zbyszko, Von Erich, Wrestling II.

**October 1983/COLOR PINUP:** Junkyard Dog. **Tommy Rich**, Johnson, Adonis, Rhodes, Piper.

**November 1983/COLOR PINUP:** Roddy Piper. **Harley Race**, Santana, Mascaras, Ellering, Valiant, Race.

**December 1983/COLOR PINUP:** Wahoo McDaniel. **Dusty Rhodes**, Hayes, Steamboat, Hansen, DiBiase.

**January 1984/COLOR PINUP:** Harley Race. **Rick Martel**, Snuka, Freebirds, Dillon, Sawyer.

**February 1984/COLOR PINUP:** Jim Garvin & Sunshine. **Greg Valentine**, Super Destroyer, Race, Sawyer, Abdullah.

**June 1984/COLOR PINUP:** Dick Slater. **Ted DiBiase**, Wrestling II, Magnum T.A., Patera, Hogan.

**July 1984/COLOR PINUP:** Paul Ellering. **Jimmy Valiant**, JYD, Fab Ones, Gagne, Windham.

**August 1984/COLOR PINUP:** Stan Hansen. **Jerry Lawler**, Sullivan, Slaughter, Blackwell & Patera, Flair.

**October 1984/COLOR PINUP:** Billy Jack. **Kerry Von Erich**, Martel, Blanchard, Fabulous Blonds, Armstrong.

**November 1984/COLOR PINUP:** Rick Martel. **Sgt. Slaughter**, Von Erich, Road Warriors, Windham, Rotundo.

**January 1985/COLOR PINUP:** Tito Santana. **Road Warriors**, Billy Jack, Hayes, 1984 fan ballot.

**February 1985/COLOR PINUP:** Magnum T.A. **Rick Martel**, Hogan, Backlund, Ellering.

**April 1985/COLOR PINUP:** Ronnie Garvin. **Jimmy Snuka**, Warriors, Gordy, Flair, Rhodes.

**June 1985/COLOR PINUP:** Barry Windham. **Dusty Rhodes**, Slaughter, Hogan, Von Erich, T.A.



**MAY 1987**

**July 1985/COLOR PINUP:** Sgt. Slaughter. **Hogan vs. Piper**, Warriors, One Man Gang, T.A., Martel.

**September 1985/COLOR PINUP:** Junkyard Dog. **Magnum T.A.**, Von Erich, Hogan, AWA scouting reports.

**October 1985/COLOR PINUP:** Chris Adams. **Rick Steamboat**, Warriors, Nikita, WWF scouting reports.

**November 1985/COLOR PINUP:** Randy Savage. **Ric Flair**, Slaughter, Steamboat, World Class scouting reports.

**December 1985/COLOR PINUP:** Jesse Ventura. **Great American Bash**, Von Erich, Orndorff, Williams & DiBiase.

**January 1986/COLOR PINUP:** Hack-saw Duggan. **Hulk Hogan**, T.A., Brody.

**February 1986/COLOR PINUP:** Nikita Koloff. **Mike Von Erich**, Warriors, Santana, Taylor, Barbarian, Race.

**April 1986/COLOR PINUP:** Ric Flair. **Wendi Richter**, Adams & Hernandez, Dusty & Warriors vs. Flair & Andersons.

**May 1986/COLOR PINUP:** Rick Steamboat. **Road Warriors**, Humongous, Bulldogs, Hansen vs. Martel.

**June 1986/COLOR PINUP:** Kevin Von Erich. **Hulk Hogan**, Adams, Duggan, Scott Hall.

**July 1986/COLOR PINUP:** King Kong Bundy. **R & R Express**, Hall and Hennig, Ventura, Warriors.

**August 1986/COLOR PINUP:** Dusty Rhodes. **Randy Savage**, Lugar vs. Race, Blanchard vs. Flair, Rude.

**October 1986/COLOR PINUP:** John Studd. **Nikita Koloff**, Savage vs. Bundy, Landell, Flair vs. Lugar, Simpson.

**November 1986/COLOR PINUP:** Baby Doll. **British Bulldogs**, Von Erich, Hansen, Gordy, Flair-Tully-Arn-Ole.

**December 1986/COLOR PINUP:** Great American Bash. **Great American Bash**, Midnight Rockers, Von Erich, Windham.

**January 1987/COLOR PINUP:** Fabulous Freebirds. **Roddy Piper**, Nikita vs. T.A., Snuka, Simpson.

**February 1987/COLOR PINUP:** Savage & Elizabeth. **UWF Tournament**, T.A., Baby Doll, Hogan vs. Orndorff.

**April 1987/COLOR PINUP:** Lex Luger. **Dusty & Nikita**, DiBiase, DeBeers, Dingo, WWF Housecleaning.

**May 1987/COLOR PINUP:** Steve Williams. **Andre-Hogan**, UWF Tourny, Albano, Cornette, Dynamite Kid, Kerry.

**June 1987/COLOR PINUP:** Hulk Hogan. **Magnum T.A.**, Can-Ams, Warriors, Freebirds, Hall.

**July 1987/COLOR PINUP:** Midnight Rockers. **Steamboat-Savage**, Luger, Duggan, Garvins, Sting.

**August 1987/COLOR PINUP:** Jim Garvin & Precious. **Hogan-Andre**, Warriors, Windham-Flair, Gordy, Bigelow.

**October 1987/COLOR PINUP:** Ted DiBiase. **Ric Flair**, Williams, Rockers, Hogan vs. Steamboat, NWA & WWF.

**November 1987/COLOR PINUP:** George Steele. **Nikita Koloff**, Warriors, Harts, Hogan, Windham.

**January 1988/COLOR PINUP:** The Road Warriors. **Ted DiBiase**, Flair-Garvins, Hogan & Ventura, Zbyszko.

**February 1988/COLOR PINUP:** Ronnie Garvin. **Randy Savage**, Garvin-Flair, Von Erichs, Freebirds.

**April 1988/COLOR PINUP:** Rick Martel. **Lex Luger**, Flair-Garvin, Kerry, Survivor Series, Iron Sheik.

**May 1988/COLOR PINUP:** Sting. **Andre**, Valentine-Beefcake, Flair, Cornette, Owen Hart.

**June 1988/COLOR PINUP:** Tully Blanchard. **Hulk Hogan**, Muraco, Perez, Rockers, Bunkhouse Stampede.

**July 1988/COLOR PINUP:** Curt Hennig. **Hogan vs. Andre**, Express vs. Rockers, Beefcake, Perez, Rotundo-Sting.

**August 1988/COLOR PINUP:** Al Perez. **Savage & Hogan**, Gilbert-Lawler, Four Horsemen, Kerry Von Erich.

**October 1988/COLOR PINUP:** Ultimate Warrior. **Sting**, Savage, Lawler, Williams, Steamboat, Varsity Club.

**November 1988/COLOR PINUP:** The Midnight Express. **Hogan**, Rhodes, Express, Powers of Pain.

**December 1988/COLOR PINUP:** Hack-saw Duggan. **Four Horsemen**, Brody, Bigelow, Garvin, Precious.

**January 1989/COLOR PINUP:** Barry Windham. **Hogan-Savage-Elizabeth**, Warriors, Sting.

**February 1989/COLOR PINUP:** Jake Roberts. **Luger**, Hogan-Savage, Kevin Von, Beefcake-Bass.

## PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/June 1982  | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/July 1985  | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Nov 1987   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Aug 1982   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Sept 1985  | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Jan 1988   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Oct 1982   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Oct 1985   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Feb 1988   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Jan 1983   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Nov 1985   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/April 1988 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Feb 1983   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Dec 1985   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/May 1988   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/April 1983 | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Jan 1986   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/June 1988  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/June 1983  | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Feb 1986   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/July 1988  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/July 1983  | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/April 1986 | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Aug 1988   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Aug 1983   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/May 1986   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Oct 1988   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Oct 1983   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/June 1986  | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Nov 1988   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Nov 1983   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/July 1986  | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Dec 1988   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Dec 1983   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Aug 1986   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Jan 1989   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Jan 1984   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Oct 1986   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Feb 1989   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Feb 1984   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Nov 1986   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/June 1984  | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Dec 1986   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/July 1984  | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Jan 1987   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Aug 1984   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Feb 1987   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Oct 1984   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/April 1987 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Nov 1984   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/May 1987   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Jan 1985   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/June 1987  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Feb 1985   | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/July 1987  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/April 1985 | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Aug 1987   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/June 1985  | <input type="checkbox"/> PWI/Oct 1987   |   |

Make Check Payable And Send To:  
**T.V. SPORTS**  
Box 48  
Rockville Centre, NY 11571

Please send me the back issues I've checked. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

Number of Magazines Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **U.S. FUNDS ONLY**

In case of a sellout, indicate substitute issue: \_\_\_\_\_ **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS CLEARLY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

For all orders except the United States and Canada you **MUST ADD** one dollar for every back issue ordered for both mail, and two dollars for every back issue sent by air mail.

**ONLY**  
**\$3.00 EACH**

**The telephone wires sizzle every month as two top wrestlers voice their rage and hostility toward each other. This is the unedited transcript of their conversation, your chance to see the raw emotion that results when two antagonists face off ... One on One**

**I**N 1987, THE Thanksgiving table at Blackjack Mulligan's house was a festive place. Both his sons, Barry and Kendall, were doing their best to live up to the high standards Mulligan had set during his career. Even though Barry and Kendall weren't wrestling together, they were on the same side. Blackjack Mulligan had a lot to be thankful for.

This year, however, disunity hovered over Mulligan's home in Sweetwater, Texas. His sons now wrestle under contradictory ideologies: Barry is a disciple of J.J. Dillon and a vicious rule-breaker, while Kendall has just united with Dustin Rhodes—the son of Barry's former mentor Dusty Rhodes—to form the "Texas Broncos." Their target might be Paul E. Dangerously, The Varsity Club, or even Barry Windham himself. Nonetheless, the family-oriented Mulligan pushed up the time of his Thanksgiving meal so Barry could be on hand and still compete later that night in Atlanta.

An amazing stroke of luck gave us this month's "One On One." Inside Wrestling assistant editor Bob Smith, away from home while covering matches in Texas, was invited to share Thanksgiving dinner with Blackjack and his sons. When the following argument broke out, Smith flipped on his tape recorder. He was later granted permission by Mulligan to print a transcript of the argument. "I hope when they read this," the father said, "the boys will see how ridiculous they sound, and they'll come to their senses."

# ONE ON ONE



*"You're a backstabber, brother, that's what you are. You've always been in my shadow, and now you're tryin' to get ahead by turnin' against me."*

—Barry Windham

## BARRY WINDHAM:

You know, I can't believe I'm sittin' here at the same table with a man who would go against his own brother. Tell me, Kendall, how the heck can you sit there and eat Thanksgiving dinner with me when you're on the same side as Dusty Rhodes? You're a backstabber, brother, that's what you are. You've always been following in my shadow, and now you're tryin' to get ahead by turnin' against me. Well, let me tell you, it ain't gonna ...

## KENDALL WINDHAM:

Backstabbing? See that knife sticking out of the turkey? That's what Dusty's back

looked like after you got through with him! And have you forgotten your old partner Lex Luger? He *still* hasn't recovered from the stabbing! No way, brother, if anyone at this table is a disgrace to our family name, it's you. I only hope that one day ...

## BLACKJACK MULLIGAN:

Now, boys, settle down ...

**BW:** Settle down my foot, dad. Now listen up, brother. In this family, we were brought up to stick together, no matter *what* happened. I could see that maybe you disagree with what I did, but that don't mean you gotta turn against me. You can just sit silently on the sidelines and tend



# N ONE



*"You remember integrity, Barry, don't you? You left it on the dressing room floor of the Jacksonville Coliseum when you turned against Lex Luger."*

—Kendall Windham

to your own battles, just like you've always done, but there's one thing I don't understand, Kendall. How come you never got involved with my business before, and the first time you do, it's *against* me?

**KW:** First of all, brother, you have a short memory. I remember when the boot was on the other foot and Dad turned bad back in Florida. Did you come to his defense? Did you abandon your fans and your fame to stand beside your own father? Absolutely not. So how can you sit there and eat the turkey of the man you betrayed?

**BW:** Don't give me that crap, Kendall. By the way, what *are* Dusty

and Dustin doing for Thanksgiving? Is it true that they're having The Midnight Turkey over for the holidays?

**KW:** I don't know what you mean by that, Barry.

**BW:** I mean that *you* should be eating Thanksgiving dinner with Rhodes and his wimp son, not sittin' here having dinner with me and Dad. What do you mean *Dad turned bad back in Florida*? Our father—or should I say, *my* father—has never *turned* bad, as you put it. What Dad does is right. That's the way it is with *all* Windhams. You just haven't realized that blood is thicker than water. But if Dustin is anything like his fa-

ther, he'll stab you in the back before too long, and *then* you'll know.

**KW:** I don't recall Dusty ever turning his back on you, Barry. He taught you everything you needed to know about wrestling, and you abandoned him—and Luger—colder than the cranberry sauce over there. You're right when you say that whatever Dad does is right, but why didn't you live by that in Florida? I'm sorry Dad has to hear you talk like this. Has J.J. Dillon wiped away your memory the same way he's been wiping your . . .

**BM:** Now, Kendall, none of that kind of talk at the table.

**KW:** . . . runny nose? Sorry, Dad.

**BW:** You *should* be sorry. And while you're at it, you should apologize to Dad. Dusty may have helped me along, but the big man sittin' right here is the one that taught me all I know, and I'm not talkin' about Smith. Sorry, Bobby, but one thing a person will *never* learn from Dusty is class and how to act at a dinner table. Kendall over here just doesn't realize that it's Thanksgiving, and Dad doesn't want to hear *any* of this crap. As for J.J., we should've had *him* for Thanksgiving instead of you.

**KW:** All I'm saying is that Dusty has integrity. You remember integrity, Barry, don't you? You left it on the dressing room floor of the Jacksonville Coliseum when you turned against Lex Luger. I don't give a damn *what* Dusty does, so long as he's on my side when we meet a traitor like you.

**BW:** Well, there you have it: You finally admit that you'd like nothing better than to just run me out. I've know for a long time that you're jealous of me, Kendall. Put it this way: I'm the U.S. champion, and you're nothin'. I'm one of the top wrestlers in the world, and you're nothin'. You've been living off the Windham name for too long. You're a loser, Kendall. Live with *that*. □

## SINCERELY YOURS

(Continued from page 7)

belligerent toward Canada as they are toward the United States. In their last visit to The Montreal Forum, the "Fabulous" Rougeaus announced their impending move to Memphis, Tennessee. This was not well received by the largely Canadian crowd. Jacques and Raymond's uncle Johnny must be rolling in his grave.

Contrary to what they'd like us to believe, I do not think that Jimmy Hart can make World champions out of The Rougeau Brothers. Jacques and Raymond had their chance when they faced The Hart Foundation and had Jimmy Hart in their corner. They came very close to scoring the pin, but, like they say, close only counts in horseshoes and slow dancing.

The Rougeaus are arrogant, often daring opponents to "take their best shot." But as rulebreakers, they no longer excite the crowd like they once



The Rougeaus display impressive teamwork, but they'll never be WWF World tag champions, writes Anne Charron.

did, simply because they don't wrestle as well.

Their Forum match against The Hart Foundation certainly proved this. At the end of the 20-minute draw, it was Bret Hart and Jim Neidhart who received the loudest ovation.

It is clear to me that Jacques and Raymond are now men without a country.

ANNE CHARRON

Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec

### DISAPPOINTED

I attended a WWF show here in San Francisco last week, and I want everyone to know how disappointed I was to see The Blue Blazer and Koko B. Ware team up. Sure, this has the potential to become one of the most

exciting aerial teams of all time, but I'd rather see them both stay in singles bouts. Especially the Blazer.

Since coming to the WWF, The Blue Blazer has electrified the entire federation with his amazing moves. I haven't seen anyone quite like him since Mil Mascaras. The best thing about Blazer is how much energy he has. I'll bet he could even go 60 minutes with Ric Flair! *That's* a test of stamina.

If the Blazer is going to begin wrestling in tag team bouts, it only deprives the fans of being able to see his full range of skills. I sat there, and I was honestly disappointed every time the Blazer tagged out.



The Blue Blazer whips Boris Zuhkov. Reader Mike Dinkin advises the Blazer to stay away from tag teaming.

Without a tag team partner, the Blazer could go far in the WWF. I'm certain The Ultimate Warrior is no match for him. I foresee the Blazer performing a wide variety of scientific experiments on the Warrior. The Intercontinental champion will be Blazer's guinea pig for even more impressive moves and holds.

So, Blazer, stay away from tag teaming. It hurts your stamina, and it saddens the fans.

KEN DINKIN

San Francisco

(Continued on page 50)

## MOVING?

Kindly give us 8 weeks advance notice

Are you moving? If so, please give us 8 weeks advance notice so we can continue to service your subscription promptly. Check the magazine(s) listed below you subscribe to:

- ☐ THE WRESTLER
- ☐ INSIDE WRESTLING
- ☐ SPORTS REVIEW WRESTLING
- ☐ PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED
- ☐ WRESTLING 89/WRESTLING SUPERSTARS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

OLD ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NEW ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EFF. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Clip this form and send to:

TV SPORTS

BOX 48

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11571



# THIS MONTH IN...



## THE Wrestler



**ANDRE THE GIANT** is scared stiff as he howls to the wrestling world:  
"Don't say snake!"



**RIC FLAIR** answers his critics: "You've got me all wrong!"

### PLUS . . .

**HERCULES**: a slave to the fans . . . If **BAM BAM BIGELOW** can't beat **BARRY WINDHAM**—he'll turn bad! . . . Blood, belts, and broken friendships: **JEFF JARRETT** comes of age . . . "Q & A" interview with **THE IRON SHEIK** . . . "Spotlight" on **KAMALA**

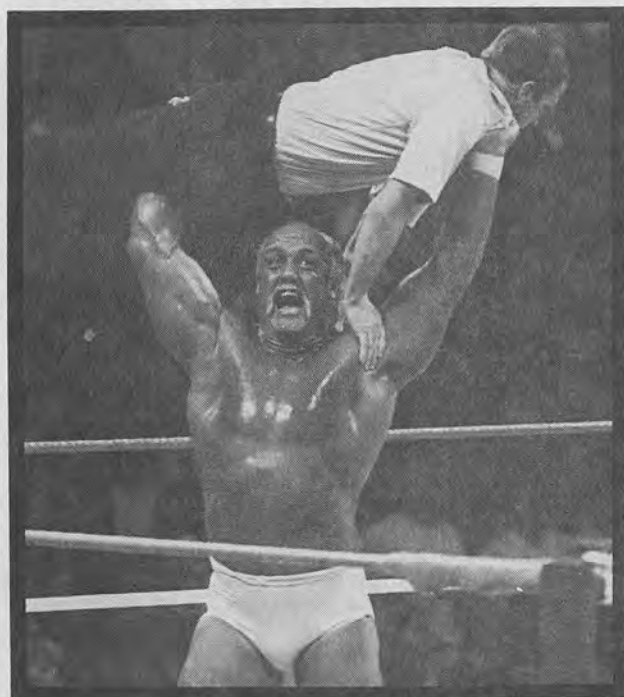
All this and much more . . . in the March 1989 issue of *The Wrestler*

**ON SALE NOW!**

## SPORTS REVIEW

## Wrestling

\*\*\*BONUS FULL-COLOR SECTION!\*\*\*



### 1988: THE YEAR IN PICTURES

An extensive full-color retrospective of all the action and drama that made 1988 the most exciting year ever!

### PLUS . . .

Is there any **TERRY TAYLOR** left in "The Red Rooster"? . . . **RON SIMMONS**: Everybody's All-American . . . *Sports Review* Interview with **ROBERT FULLER** . . . "Then And Now"—a special photographic retrospective of wrestling's top stars . . . New monthly columns by **EDDIE ELLNER** and **BILL APTER**

All this and much more . . . in the March 1989 issue of *Sports Review Wrestling*

**ON SALE JANUARY 24!**

THE EXCITEMENT  
LIVES ON!  
THE SUPERSTARS  
OF A  
SUPER SUMMER!



The December 1988 edition of *The Wrestler* was a collectors' dream! It included a dynamic eight-page FULL-COLOR section featuring "The Superstars Of A Super Summer" competing in some of 1988's greatest cards and matches! Included in this exciting full-color section: Hulk Hogan, Sting, Randy Savage, Lex Luger, Rick Rude, The Ultimate Warrior, Jerry Lawler, Ric Flair, Hacksaw Duggan, The Fantastics, Dusty Rhodes, Ted DiBiase, Barry Windham, The Honky Tonk Man, and Nikita Koloff! Also included in this magnificent special issue is a full analysis of the summer's top action, plus all the regular *Wrestler* stories and features. This issue was a newsstand sellout, but we have a limited number of back issues available for the collectors' bargain price of only \$5.00 each. Don't be disappointed—order yours today!

Make check or money order payable  
and send to:

TV SPORTS  
BOX 48  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11571

Please rush me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the  
December 1988 edition of *The Wrestler*.  
I enclose \$5.00 (U.S. FUNDS ONLY) for  
each copy I am ordering.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. funds only. All other countries \$7.00. Please  
allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

## SINCERELY YOURS

(Continued from page 48)



Kerry Von Erich puts his famous clawhold on Col. DeBeers. Reader Rob Parker is upset by the way DeBeers tried to bilk money from the fans at a match he had with Von Erich in Las Vegas.

### THE PRICE HE PAYS

I was in Las Vegas for a recent match between Kerry Von Erich and Col. DeBeers. There were only 2,000 people there, so I want to raise my voice in protest; I want *everyone* to know what happened.

The match ended in a double-count-out. That was fine. The match was exciting, and there was plenty of honest aggression. Afterward, Kerry challenged DeBeers to an immediate rematch. DeBeers replied that he wouldn't do it for free. He wanted the fans to get up the money themselves. He then promised to match the fans' contributions dollar for dollar.

Many fans contributed to the match fund, but I did not. I had already paid for my ticket and seen plenty of great

action. If the wrestlers are wrestling solely for financial gain (and not because of the animosity they build up), I don't want to contribute.

The fans raised \$130, but that was still not enough for DeBeers. He wanted \$20 more. So AWA official Rob Russen added the \$20. I had a terrible taste in my mouth from the whole thing.

Finally, the match began. Kerry attacked DeBeers from behind and scored the pin in about 38 seconds. Kerry took the \$300 and announced that he will give the money to charity.

Although that's a nice gesture, I did not enjoy watching this entire scene unfold around me. I thought it was incredibly tacky. Especially for a federation that calls itself "The Major League of Professional Wrestling." That was a bush-league move if I ever saw one.

ROB PARKER  
Henderson, NV □





# BACK ISSUES OF

# THE Wrestler

Don't miss a single issue of the magazine that has thrilled wrestling fans for two generations, **THE WRESTLER**. Complete your collection of the most respected wrestling publication in the world today. Supplies are limited. Don't delay—order today!

**June 1980**/Stories include: Backlund, Abdullah, Brisco, Flair.

**August 1980**/Stories include: Valentine, Zbyszko, Von Erich, Albano.

**September 1980**/Stories include: Ladd, Patera, Steamboat, Gagne.

**October 1980**/Stories include: Patera, Rhodes, Wrestling II, Morales.

**January 1981**/Stories include: Valentine, Rhodes, Patera, Von Erich.

**February 1981**/Stories include: Zbyszko, Patera, Iron Sheik, Wrestling II.

**March 1981**/Stories include: Rich, Sammons, Blassie, Wrestling II.

**May 1981**/Stories include: Backlund, Rhodes, DiBiase, Moondogs.

**June 1981**/Stories include: Sammartino, Piper, Rich, Martel.

**July 1981**/Stories include: Backlund, Rhodes, Flair, Atlas.

**August 1981**/Stories include: DiBiase, Slaughter, Martel, Idol.

**October 1981**/Stories include: Funks, Rhodes, Race, Sullivan.

**January 1982**/Stories include: Rich, Steamboat, Sullivan, Sammartino.

**March 1982**/Stories include: Slaughter, Albano, Flair, Race.

**April 1982**/Stories include: Brisco, Armstrongs, Valentine, Santana.

**May 1982**/Stories include: Backlund, Von Erich, Graham, Rich.

**June 1982**/Stories include: Steamboat, Reed, Albano, Piper.

**July 1982**/Stories include: Rich, Sawyer, Flair, Steamboat.

**August 1982**/Stories include: Bockwinkel, Steamboat, Mulligans, Piper.

**September 1982**/Stories include: Rhodes, Hogan, Armstrong, Blair.

**October 1982**/Stories include: Snuka, Rhodes, Santana, Piper.

**November 1982**/Stories include: Flair, Snuka, Piper, Blair.

**December 1982**/Stories include: Snuka, Rich, Kamala, Junkyard Dog.

**January 1983**/Stories include: Putski, Muraco, Windham, Bockwinkel.

**February 1983**/Stories include: Bockwinkel, Backlund, Rich, Kamala.

**April 1983**/Stories include: Rhodes, Tiger Mask, Sammartino, Bundy.

**May 1983**/Stories include: Sammons, Von Erich, Rhodes, Orndorff.

**June 1983**/Stories include: Windham, Martel, Brody, Andre.

**July 1983**/Stories include: Flair, Adonis, Sullivan, Zbyszko.

**August 1983**/Stories include: Valentine, Blanchard, Windham, Street.

**September 1983**/Stories include: Hogan, Ellering, Von Erich, Brisco.

**October 1983**/Stories include: Race, Sawyer, Brisco, Bass.

**November 1983**/Stories include: Rhodes, Santana, Von Erichs, Kabuki.

**December 1983**/Stories include: Mascara, Superstar, Von Erich, Zbyszko.

**January 1984**/Stories include: Valentine, Hogan, Von Erich, Road Warriors.

**March 1984**/Stories include: Santana, Hogan, Von Erich, Sawyers.

**April 1984**/Stories include: Hogan, Ellering, Von Erich, Rhodes.

**May 1984**/Stories include: Windham, Brody, Road Warriors, Junkyard Dog.

**June 1984**/Stories include: Von Erich, Billy Jack, Flair, Armstrong.

**July 1984**/Stories include: Rich, Billy Jack, Valiant, Von Erich.

**August 1984**/Stories include: Garvin, Sullivan, Freebirds, Street.

**September 1984**/Stories include: Von Erich, Piper, Steamboat, Billy Jack.

**October 1984**/Stories include: Flair, Rhodes, Magnum T.A., Bundy.

**November 1984**/Stories include: Billy Jack, Von Erich, Piper, Brody.

**December 1984**/Stories include: Martel, Santana, Von Erich, Steamboat.

**January 1985**/Stories include: Von Erich, Warriors, Albano, Koloffs.

**February 1985**/Stories include: Warriors, Santana, Billy Jack, Nikita Koloff.

**March 1985**/Stories include: Slaughter, Warriors, Martel, Rude.

**April 1985**/Stories include: Warriors, Von Erich-Adams, Flair, Tonga & Snuka.

**May 1985**/Stories include: Warriors, Backlund, Santana, Rich.

**June 1985**/Stories include: Rhodes, Windham, Rich, Hogan.

**July 1985**/Stories include: Junkyard Dog, Reed, Martel, Sunshine.

**August 1985**/BONUS 4-PG. COLOR SECTION! Plus: Warriors, Magnum T.A., Sheik & Volkoff, McGraw.

**September 1985**/Stories include: Hogan, Von Erich, Savage, R&R Express.

**October 1985**/Stories include: Flair, Windham, Shultz, Martel.

**November 1985**/Stories include: Hogan, Zbyszko, R&R Express, Von Erichs.

**December 1985**/Stories include: Rude, Fantastics, Muraco, Uncle Elmer.

**January 1986**/20th Anniversary Issue! 10 Greatest Wrestlers, Rhodes, Hogan, Sammartino.

**February 1986**/Stories include: Hogan, Orndorff, Flair, Hansen.

**March 1986**/Stories include: Von Erich, Duggan, Hansen-Martel.

**April 1986**/Stories include: Von Erich, Rude, Luger, Hogan, Magnum T.A.

**May 1986**/Stories include: Zbyszko, Von Erichs, Santana-Ventura, Hillbillies.

**June 1986**/Stories include: Luger, Hernandez, Flair-Bockwinkel, Hogan, T.A.

**July 1986**/Stories include: King Kong Bundy, Koloff vs. Graham, Ric Flair.

**August 1986**/Stories include: Snuka, Bulldogs, Freebirds, Warriors, Duggan.

**September 1986**/Stories include: Fantastics, Adonis, Morton-Flair, Brody.

**October 1986**/Stories include: Nikita-Magnum, Nord, Bruno, Kerry, Windham.

**November 1986**/Stories include: R&R Express, Hogan-Orndorff, Von Erich.

**December 1986**/Stories include: Flair, Bockwinkel, Hogan, Gilbert, Nikita.

**January 1987**/Stories include: Heenan, Garvins, DiBiase, Borne & Sawyer.

**February 1987**/Stories include: Magnum T.A., Gordy, Steamboat-Roberts.

**March 1987**/Stories include: Windham, Nikita, Adias, Savage-Steamboat.

**April 1987**/Stories include: Hogan, Luger, Rich-Lawler, R&R Express.

**May 1987**/Stories include: Flair-Nikita, Andre-Hogan, UWF, Windham, Hennig.

**June 1987**/Stories include: Flair-Windham, Can-Ams, Rhodes-Murdoch.

**July 1987**/Stories include: Cornette, Hyatt, Luger, Harts, Adams, Hansen.

**August 1987**/Stories include: Can-Ams, Luger vs. Nikita, Fantastics, Koko, Nord.

**September 1987**/Stories include: Koloffs, Harts, Duggan, Hennig, Hart.

**October 1987**/Stories include: Savage-Honky Tonk, Horsemen, Patera, Kerry.

**November 1987**/Stories include: Williams, Luger, Hogan-Khan, Rich.

**December 1987**/Stories include: Hogan, Windham, Lawler, Flair, Beefcake.

**January 1988**/Stories include: Nikita-Taylor, Warriors, DiBiase-Duggan.

**February 1988**/Stories include: Flair, Andre-Hogan, New Breed, Kerry.

**March 1988**/Stories include: Hogan, Luger-Sting, Calgary, Demolition.

**April 1988**/Special Issue! Starrcade '87, Survivor Series, AWA & World Class. Also: Strike Force, Luger, Rockers.

**May 1988**/Stories include: Horsemen, Hogan, Flair, Fantastics, DiBiase.

**June 1988**/Stories include: Sting-Flair, DiBiase, Kerry, Nikita, Zenk.

**July 1988**/Stories include: Fantastics, Hogan, Windham, McMahon, Rich.

**August 1988**/Stories include: Savage, Windham-Luger split, Demolition, Lawler, Ellering.

**September 1988**/Stories include: Duggan vs. Andre, Hogan, Windham.

**October 1988**/Stories include: Rhodes, Fantastics, Hennig, Roberts-Rude.

**November 1988**/Stories include: Midnight Ex., DiBiase, Bossman, Brody.

**January 1989**/Stories include: Kevin Von, Rougeaus, Horsemen, Hogan.

**February 1989**/Stories include: Warriors, Ultimate-Hogan, Bigelow-Gordy.

## THE WRESTLER

- |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> APR 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 87  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 80  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 84 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 86 | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 80  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 86 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 81  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> APR 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 81  | <input type="checkbox"/> APR 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 86 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 81  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 88 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 81  | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 83 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 88 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 81 | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 83 | <input type="checkbox"/> APR 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 81 | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 87  | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 88 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 81  | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 83 | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 85 | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 87  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 81  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 85 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 87  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> APR 87  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 89  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 83  | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 85 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 87  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 89  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APR 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 87 |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 87 |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 82 | <input type="checkbox"/> APR 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC 85  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 82 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 84  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 87 |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUG 82  | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 84 | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT 87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT 82 | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 84 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR 86  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV 87  |                                  |

In case of a sellout, indicate substitute choice: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

**T.V. SPORTS  
BOX 48  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11571**

**ONLY  
\$3.00 EACH**

Please send me the back issues I've checked. I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. FUNDS ONLY) as payment in full. PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS CLEARLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

For all orders except the U.S. and Canada, you must add one dollar for every back issue ordered for boat mail, and two dollars for every back issue ordered for airmail.

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery

# DRESSING ROOM DOOR

(Continued from page 10)

congresswoman from a largely blue-collar area of the diverse borough known as Queens.

I bring all this up mainly because it's so hard to figure out which Queens turned a young man into The Ultimate Warrior—and The Ultimate Warrior into the WWF Intercontinental champion. I still laugh when I see *Queens, NY* under the name *The Ultimate Warrior* on our ratings page. It just doesn't make sense! With this in mind, I set out in search of The Ultimate Warrior's hometown.

First stop: South Jamaica, a place that can turn any man into a warrior. Here, a young police officer named Edward Byrne was shot by a couple of crack dealers while on patrol. South Jamaica is an area that has been taken over by drug dealers, an area the police have virtually given up on. One *must* be a warrior to survive youth in South Jamaica. Even the U.S. Army recently closed a recruiting office here and left the area.

I got off the Long Island Rail Road at the Jamaica station and walked south a couple of blocks to one of the worst areas in New York. There was still plenty of daylight remaining—I wouldn't dare step foot in this neighborhood at night—and there were plenty of people on the streets, mainly young men with an angry, detached looks in their eyes, stopping passers-by and hoping for a quick sale.

No, The Ultimate Warrior couldn't have come from here. There's something about the Warrior that leads me to believe he came from a softer background. Something went *right* for the Warrior during his childhood. And in South Jamaica, little ever goes right for anyone.

I hailed a cab and went over to Douglaston, birthplace of tennis

star John McEnroe and one of the finest areas in the New York metropolitan area. Douglaston is a breeding ground for success. Families have private swimming pools and tennis courts in their backyards. The schools are exceptional. The area is patrolled by a private police department. Young people don't hang out on street corners.

How could the posh comfort of this kind of neighborhood produce



Finding out in which section of Queens, New York, The Ultimate Warrior grew up revealed a lot to David Rosenbaum about the Warrior's character.

a man like The Ultimate Warrior? I realized it couldn't. What I was looking for was a mix of Douglaston and South Jamaica, two neighborhoods as opposite as two can be. Perhaps an area where family values are stressed along with the need to survive on one's own. A place where people aren't born to success. An area where outside danger—real or perceived—becomes a part of everyday life.

Rego Park.

In the shadows of the Queens Center shopping mall sits the birthplace of The Ultimate Warrior, exceptional bodybuilder, below-average wrestler, and WWF I-C champion. It was on purely a guess that I decided this is where

he must have grown up, and I was right. It was days after my trip to Douglaston and South Jamaica. I was at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Lefrak City, waiting out a two-hour computer breakdown, when I decided to take a walk around the neighboring area.

Approaching a small playground tucked between two 20-story buildings, I saw what I was looking for: two young children playing on the monkey bars, both with their faces painted. They couldn't have been more than 10 or 11 years old, and something told me they were doing more than emulating a hero. They were emulating a man who came out of their neighborhood and hit it big.

"You kids like The Ultimate Warrior?" I asked.

"We love him. My dad knows him," bubbled the one who said his name was Jason. "He came over our house a few years ago."

"How does your dad know him?" I continued, unable to believe my luck.

"He's from around here," Jason said. "He grew up right over there." Jason pointed to one of the many high-rise buildings that characterize the area.

On the northeast corner of the street, two police officers were questioning a young white man. On the southeast corner, a Hispanic woman was standing with her two children. Two construction workers stood outside a Blimpie's sandwich shop on the southwest corner, and a young black couple held hands on the northwest corner while waiting to cross the street.

So here it was. From the stone fortresses and busy streets, the unusual mix of middle-class cultures and values, came The Ultimate Warrior—a modern-day warrior born in Queens, New York. □



# Wrestling

Now is the time to complete your collection of **SPORTS REVIEW WRESTLING**, the magazine jam-packed with action photography and in-depth stories. Don't miss out on an issue. Quantities are limited, so order today! **[NOTE: Cover stories noted in BOLDFACE.]**

September 1979/Flair-McDaniel, Garvin, Ladd, Rhodes.  
 February 1980/Rhodes-Funk, Race, Spoiler, Brisco.  
 May 1980/Koloff-Anderson, Brody-Spoiler, Graham, Andre.  
 October 1980/Hogan, Flair, Wrestling II, Super D.  
 January 1981/Morales-Fuji, Zbyszko, Thornton, Keirn.  
 June 1981/Morales-Khan, Lawler, Slater, Piper.  
 September 1981/Backlund-Mosca, Freebirds, Flair, Rich, Junkyard Dog.  
 November 1981/Rhodes-DiBiase, Steamboat, Mulligan, McDaniel, Spoiler.  
 December 1981/Muraco-Morales, Patera, Steele, Andre.  
 March 1982/Valentine, Brisco-Funk, Steele, Flair, Hayes.  
 April 1982/Spoiler, Idol-Hayes, Morales, Super D, Ladd.  
 May 1982/Rich-Flair, Backlund, Superstar, Dillon, Wrestling II.  
 June 1982/Tommy Rich, Jimmy Snuka, Wrestlers rate each other.  
 July 1982/Steamboat-Idol, Albano, Rhodes, Patera.  
 August 1982/Piper-Rich, Flair-Slater, Rhodes, Valentine, Bockwinkel.  
 October 1982/Funk-Abdullah, Orton, Kabuki, Von Erich.  
 November 1982/Piper, Abdullah, Saito, Von Erich, Mascaras.  
 December 1982/Backlund-Rose, Rhodes-Flair, Albano, Humberdink.  
 January 1983/Rich, McDaniel-Valentine, Patera, Brisco, Bockwinkel.  
 February 1983/Flair-Race, Morales-Rose, Patera, Bravo, Spoiler.  
 March 1983/Flair-Bass, Snuka, Sullivan, Steamboat, Patera.  
 April 1983/Backlund-Graham, Brisco, Rhodes, Hogan, Samoans.  
 May 1983/Muraco, Dillon, Sullivan, Reed, Brisco, Von Erich.  
 June 1983/Piper, Bockwinkel-Patterson, Brody, Sullivan, Baba.  
 July 1983/Valiant-Humberdink, Martel, Hernandez, Murdoch, Armstrong.  
 October 1983/Martel-Valentine, Mulligan, Lawler, Von Erichs, Bruno.  
 November 1983/Andre-Mulligan, Kamala-Brody, Slater, Backlund.

December 1983/Windham-LeDuc, Santana, Sullivan, Garvin.  
 January 1984/Andre-Abdullah, Bockwinkel, Gilbert, Windham, Flair, Mosca.  
 February 1984/Rich-Sawyer, Idol-Hansen, Martel, Parsons, Von Erich.  
 March 1984/Starrcade '83, Closeups on Atlanta and Dallas cards.  
 April 1984/Von Erich-Gordy, Dillon & Nagasaki, Graham, DiBiase, Orndorff.  
 May 1984/LeDuc-Sawyer, Assassins, The Men Who Make Wrestling Fly!  
 June 1984/Windham-Flair, Gilbert, Sawyer, Bockwinkel, Tsuruta.  
 July 1984/Flair-Gordy, Duggan, Blanchard, Brisco, AWA tag tourney.  
 August 1984/Rich & Gilbert, Adams-Hayes, Von Erich, Faces Of Wrestling.  
 September 1984/Flair-Steamboat, Freebirds-Von Erichs—Special coverage of two big cards.  
 October 1984/Sullivan-Rhodes, Freebirds video, Atlas, Orange Bowl card.  
 November 1984/Von Erich & Billy Jack, Andre, Fab Ones, Summer Wars!  
 December 1984/Rich-Gilbert, Martel, Mascaras, Youngblood, World Class.  
 January 1985/Flair-McDaniel, Missing Link, Backlund, Fabulous Ones, *Pro Wrestling USA*, Valentine.  
 February 1985/Sullivan-Graham, Hernandez & Nicola Roberts, Bruno Jr., Steamboat, Warriors.  
 March 1985/Starrcade '84 featuring Flair, Rhodes, Steamboat, Koloffs, 1985 Datebook, Hayes, wrestling school.  
 April 1985/Von Erich-Blackwell, Haynes-Barr, Hart, Irwins, 1984 in Pictures, Blair.  
 May 1985/Albano, Freebirds-Flair, Steamboat, Hernandez, Las Vegas.  
 June 1985/Pro Wrestling U.S.A., Von Erich, Richter, Windham, Taylor.  
 July 1985/Von Erich, WrestleMania, bloodiest matches, Backlund, Snuka.  
 August 1985/Flair-Nikita, Orndorff, Slaughter, Parade of Champions II.  
 September 1985/Adams-Von Erich, Orndorff, Sawyer, Kamala, Barr.  
 October 1985/Martel-Hayes, Richter, Savage, Adams, T.A., Warriors.  
 November 1985/Freebirds-Warriors, Mid-South, Haynes, Rhodes, Savage.

December 1985/Hogan, Zbyszko-Martel, Murdoch, Dillon, fiendish faces.  
 January 1986/Savage-Santana, Abdullah, Humongous, Von Raschke, Comiskey Park, Taylor.  
 February 1986/Junkyard Dog, Rude, Patrick, Garvin, Reed, Datebook.  
 March 1986/Starrcade '85, Ventura, Windham, Sunshine, Slaughter.  
 April 1986/Savage-Hogan, Martel-Hansen, 1985 in Pictures, Warriors, DiBiase.  
 May 1986/Sammartino, R&R Express, Sunshine-Hyatt, Slater, Devastating Holds, Hall & Hennig.  
 June 1986/Hogan-Muraco, Midnight Express, Freebirds, Battle of Belts II.  
 July 1986/Orndorff-Piper, Blanchard-T.A., Matches of '80s, Shepherders, Bockwinkel, Bulldogs.  
 August 1986/Crockett Cup Tourney, Jake Roberts, Midnight Rockers, Von Erichs, Wrestling II.  
 September 1986/Bulldogs, Blanchard-Gibson, Lugar, Dundee, UWF tourney.  
 October 1986/Orndorff, Rude-Brody, Bash, Bockwinkel, Gordy, Adams.  
 November 1986/Andersons-R&R Express, Machine, Gordy, Managers.  
 December 1986/Machines, Fantastics, Warriors, WWF Muchnick Tourney.  
 January 1987/Russians, Hyatt-Dark Journey, WWF Top 50, Fab Ones.  
 February 1987/Road Warriors, Savage, Windham & Lugar, 1987 Datebook.  
 March 1987/Kamala-Hogan, Starrcade 86, Atlas, Williams, Tatum.  
 April 1987/1986 in Pictures, Kevin Von Flair, Rich, Hennig-Bockwinkel.  
 May 1987/Nikita-Flair, Bulldogs, Albano's career, Snuka-DeBeers, Taylor.  
 June 1987/Hogan-Andre, Hall, Parsons, Garvin, WWF title history.  
 July 1987/Midnight Express, Savage-Steamboat, Adams, NWA in Boston.  
 August 1987/Nord-Kevin, Armstrong-Flair, Hogan & Patera, Crockett Cup.  
 September 1987/Hogan, Akbar, Luger-Nikita, Summer Feuds, charity shows.  
 October 1987/Windham, Bigelow, Bockwinkel, Western States tourney.  
 November 1987/Bash, Honky Tonk, Hart, Shepherders, Condry.  
 December 1987/Grappling Ghouls, Hogan-Andre, Luger-Nikita, Boesch card

January 1988/Honky Tonk, Garvin, T.A. career, Arcidi, Hogan.  
 February 1988/Rhodes, Strike Force, Rich-Adonis, Hyatt, 1988 datebook.  
 March 1988/Starrcade, Survivor Series, Simpson, Hennig, Zbyszko.  
 April 1988/1987 in Pictures, Tully & Arn, DiBiase, Kerry, Orton.  
 May 1988/Hawk-Flair, Andre-Hogan, Dangerously, Duggan, Mike George.  
 June 1988/Luger-Tully, DiBiase, Adams, NWA New York invasion.  
 July 1988/Savage wins WWF toumey, Rockers-Express, Hayes, Dusty-Rider.  
 August 1988/Luger and Sting win Crockett Cup, Savage-DiBiase, Nasty Boys, Ultimate Warrior.  
 September 1988/Predictions Through 1988, Williams, Rhodes, Bad Company, greatest Garden matches.  
 October 1988/Midnight Rockers, Sting, Taylor, Koloff, Hot Young Lions.  
 November 1988/R&R Express, Honky Tonk, Von Erichs, Great American Bash.  
 December 1988/Warriors, Samoan SWAT Team, Hart, Andre, Presidential Wrestlers.  
 January 1989/Jake-Cheryl-Rude, Sting, Lawler, Flair, Savage's career.  
 February 1989/The Champions in '89, Duggan, Roberts, 1989 datebook

## SPORTS REVIEW WRESTLING

- |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT/79 | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC/83  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR/86  | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE/88 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FEB/80  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN/84  | <input type="checkbox"/> APR/86  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY/88 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAY/80  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB/84  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY/86  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG/88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OCT/80  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR/84  | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE/86 | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT/88 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JAN/81  | <input type="checkbox"/> APR/84  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY/86 | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT/88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE/81 | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY/84  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG/86  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV/88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT/81 | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE/84 | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT/86 | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC/88  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NOV/81  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY/84 | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT/86  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN/89  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEC/81  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG/84  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV/86  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB/89  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAR/82  | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT/84 | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC/86  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APR/82  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT/84  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN/87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAY/82  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV/84  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB/87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE/82 | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC/84  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR/87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JULY/82 | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN/85  | <input type="checkbox"/> APR/87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUG/82  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB/85  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY/87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OCT/82  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR/85  | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE/87 |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NOV/82  | <input type="checkbox"/> APR/85  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY/87 |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEC/82  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY/85  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG/87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JAN/83  | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE/85 | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT/87 |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FEB/83  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULY/85 | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT/87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAR/83  | <input type="checkbox"/> AUG/85  | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV/87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APR/83  | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT/85 | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC/87  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAY/83  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT/85  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN/88  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE/83 | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV/85  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB/88  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JULY/83 | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC/85  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAR/88  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OCT/83  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN/86  | <input type="checkbox"/> APR/88  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NOV/83  | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB/86  | <input type="checkbox"/> MAY/88  |                                  |

Make Check Payable And Send To:

**T.V. SPORTS**  
**Box 48**  
**Rockville Centre, NY 11571**

Please send me the back issues I've checked.

Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

In case of a sellout, indicate substitute issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Magazines Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **U.S. FUNDS ONLY**

**PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS CLEARLY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

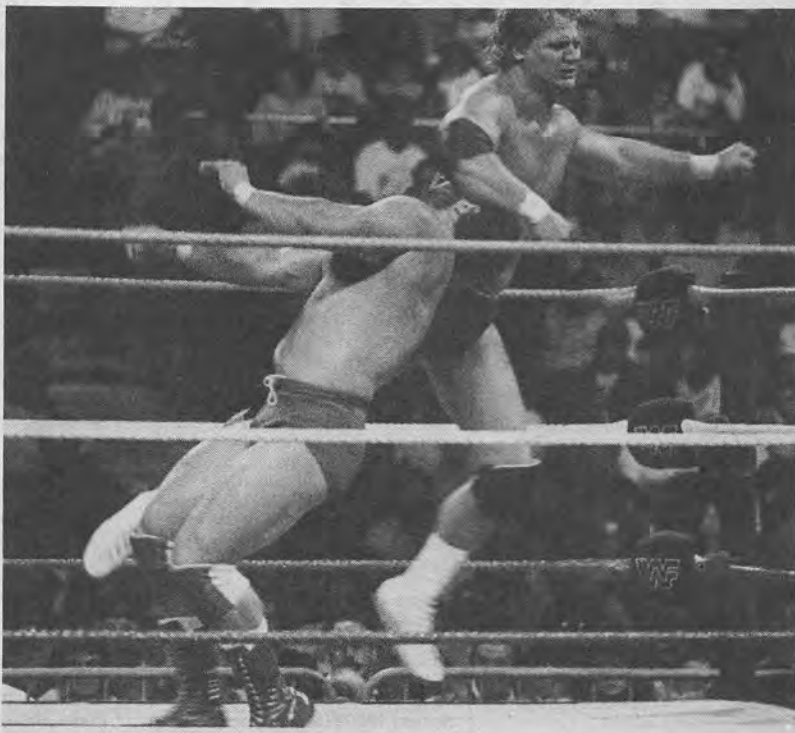
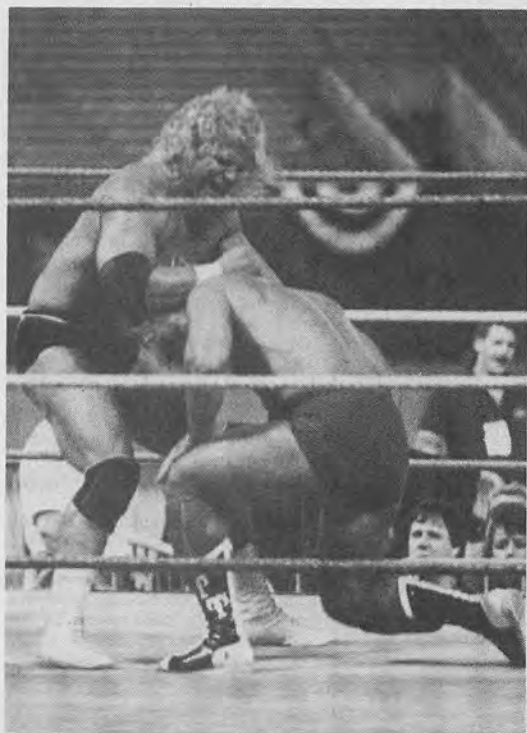
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

For all orders except the United States and Canada you **MUST ADD** one dollar for every back issue ordered for boat mail, and two dollars for every back issue sent by air mail.

**ONLY**  
**\$3.00 EACH**

## MR. PERFECT

(Continued from page 33)



Hennig battles "Red Rooster" Terry Taylor (above left). "Mr. Perfect" possesses a devastating clothesline (above right). Hennig and Brunzell (bottom) were once good friends, but Hennig's career took a different, darker turn.

kick from the top turnbuckle, an unheard-of feat in those days. His talents, however, were not quite enough to spell victory against the federation's roster of top-10 opponents.

Leaving behind his mediocre

WWF stint, he next ventured to Portland, where he captured his first singles title, the Pacific Northwest championship, from Buddy Rose in 1984. Buoyed by his improving physical capabilities, he ventured back to Minnesota and

the AWA later that year. He began to gain main-event status. He matured into a full-fledged star.

"It was exciting to see Curt come into his own," recalled Greg Gagne, Hennig's frequent tag team partner during that time. "No longer was he the ambitious kid who only had the family name to fall back on. He had paid his dues, and we were all proud of him. He changed from a prospect into a great wrestler. A couple of years later, though, something snapped. He changed completely almost overnight."

That change came about after he and Scott Hall lost the AWA tag team title to Rose and Doug Somers on a countout decision on May 18, 1986, in Hammond, Indiana. It was an unprecedented occurrence in wrestling history.

"Since when does a title change hands on a *countout*?" Hennig belted after the loss. "It's just like the AWA to let a bogus decision like this stand. It looks like I've been too much of a nice guy—until now. People take advantage of nice guys in this business."





Hennig wasn't much of a nice guy after that. He attacked Gagne after a tag team match. He began using the infamous Larry Zbyszko as an adviser. And when he clubbed Nick Bockwinkel with a roll of coins (handed to him by Zbyszko) on May 2, 1987, in San Francisco, he became a world champion.

And no one ever accused him of being a perfect—or honorable—titleholder. Hennig constantly relied on countouts, disqualifications, and outside interference. Many believed he was a disgrace to the belt. When he lost the title to Jerry Lawler on May 9 of last year, he grumbled and complained that he had been ripped off, but the fans weren't complaining—they were happy to see his title reign come to an end.

Not long after that, Hennig ventured to the WWF. While claiming to be perfect, he's had a moderately tough time defeating wrestlers like Scott Casey, Jim Brunzell, and Lanny Poffo. He did manage to score the pinfall for his team in The Survivor Series—but only after Andre the Giant had nearly choked the life out of Jake Roberts. After months in the federation, he has yet to receive any title shots or main-event matches. Indeed, things have been *less* than perfect.

"He's had a good record, but he's got to realize how talent-laden the WWF is," said Larry Hennig. "So what if a couple of tough preliminary guys gave him some hard matches? Hey, he's human, too. Everybody can make mistakes."

Hennig may have set a standard for himself that will be impossible to live up to. Even wrestling's all-time greats have suffered setbacks during their careers. If men like Bruno Sammartino, Hulk Hogan, Lou Thesz, and Ric Flair have absorbed losses—even during their glory years—why should Hennig believe he's any different? Nobody's perfect.

Not even Curt Hennig. ☐

# Wrestling 89

## "For Today's Wrestling Fan"

*The magazine that explodes with color!*

**Wrestling 89**  
**Now On Sale**

- 16 pages of color
- Printed on coated slick paper
- Sting's New Year's Resolution—Destroy The Road Warriors, Barry Windham, and Ric Flair!
- Mouth vs. Mouth! Jim Cornette and Paul E. Dangerously Lead Their Teams Into Battle
- Why Elizabeth Will Cause Another Hulk Hogan-Randy Savage War
- Wrestling's New Breed—More Power To Them, But Is That Enough?
- Jerry Lawler in the "Crossfire"
- Interview 89: "Dr. Death" Steve Williams
- Full-color Private Side: Nikita Koloff
- Official ratings in 14 categories



## Wrestling 89

**Packed With Color Photos Of Wrestling's Biggest Stars!**

**The Big Spring Issue—Now On Sale**

*The Best Keeps Getting Better!*

# A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MAGAZINE!



The 100th issue of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* was a remarkable publishing event. Cover-dated December 1987, this 100-page super spectacular was jam-packed with stunning color and special features, including:

- The 10 Most Influential Wrestlers Of The PWI Years
- The 10 Greatest Events Of The PWI Years
- The PWI Achievement Awards: A Retrospective
- The First 100 Issues: A Special Fan Poll
- Behind The Scenes At PWI

All this and much, much more was included in this magnificent anniversary edition. We have limited supplies of this newsstand sellout. If you missed it the first time around, order now—the 100th issue comes around only once in a lifetime! Only \$5.00.

Make check or money order payable and send to:  
**TV SPORTS BOX 48**  
**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11571**

**ONLY \$5 EACH**

Please rush me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the 100th edition of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*. I enclose \$5.00 for each copy I am ordering.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. funds only. All other countries \$7.00. Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

## THE INSIDER

(Continued from page 16)



Hercules Hernandez was one WWF character who showed character when he resisted Heenan's attempts to sell him to Ted DiBiase, writes Ellner. Ellner disagrees with Vince McMahon's methods, but recognizes his success.

gist, I distinctly recall a streak of yellow down the middle of Heenan's back. He was always the first to flee when his hide became imperiled.

His feathery disposition has at last found its proper milieu. In today's WWF, Heenan can screech and squawk to his chicken-hearted content with almost no fear of retribution. He has surrounded himself with wrestlers of such simplemindedness that they feel it is their duty to protect him at all costs. In resisting Heenan's attempt to peddle him like so much chopped liver, Hercules Hernandez showed a remarkable ability to think for himself. This ability to act independently will no doubt speed his exit from local rings: The WWF does not like clear-thinking individuals.

It became vogue several years back to attack the zany, decidedly un-wrestling-like dalliances of the WWF promotion and its chieftain Vince (Pompadour) McMahon. Absurd impositions like *Tuesday*

*Night Titans* (lunatic skits including the infamous western barroom showdown between Fabulous Moolah and Mr. Fuji) and the Steven Spielberg-produced *Goonies* video (in which The Iron Sheik danced a polka while Nikolai Volkoff milked a plastic cow) contributed to an image of a federation more concerned with goofball "entertainment" than with championship-caliber wrestling. Inventive programing like Hulk Hogan's cartoon show and Adrian Adonis' "Flower Shop" caused old-time fans to barf into their programs.

That was then; this is now. Today, the WWF is an international megapromotion that has pushed some established federations to the brink of bankruptcy, and eliminated or absorbed several others. It has become useless to disparage McMahon. His demented vision has redefined the landscape of professional wrestling. His tactics are repugnant, his motives greedy, but there is no denying his success. His way, while not



the right way, is fast becoming the only way.

As McMahon's roster continues its alarming expansion (with the recent acquisitions of Arn Anderson, Tully Blanchard, Terry Taylor, Curt Hennig, and Ronnie Garvin, McMahon has lured two former world champions, the former NWA World tag team champions, and a world champion twit), it leaves the future of professional wrestling on shaky foundation.

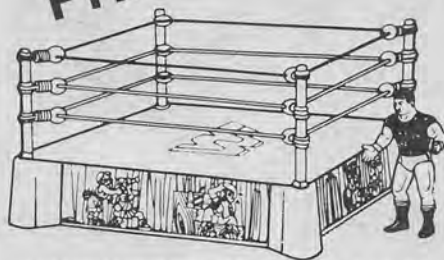
McMahon's raids on other federations have tilted the balance of power dangerously in his favor. With all the giant eggs in his basket, McMahon is engulfing the opposition and moving inexorably toward a situation where his will be the only game in town.

Given the talent flooding into his federation, it's naive to think McMahon would remain satisfied with Hennig, Blanchard, and Taylor, when there are bona fide legends out there for the picking. It's easy to imagine a situation in which McMahon would seek the administrative skills of AWA legend Verne Gagne ... or toss a million dollars at the Von Erich boys ... or lure Ric Flair into the WWF fold.

Unfortunately, wrestlers are a mercenary lot, and McMahon sports the fattest wallet in the land. What grapplers must consider is their careers *post*-McMahon. Wrestlers are discovering that the WWF is not a resume builder. Other federations will not undermine their integrity by hiring grapplers who've had relations with snakes, birds, or bulldogs. With the WWF's penchant for roster-shuffling, wrestlers should at least consider the ramifications of selling their souls for a quick buck.

"The Insider," of course, does hope one grappler makes the shift. What would *you* give to see Dusty Rhodes boogie into the ring, hips-a-shaking to his WWF theme song, "So Many Sweet Rolls, So Little Time"? ☐

**LOWEST  
PRICES**



WWF WRESTLING RING \$19.99

# WRESTLING WORLD

724 Dulaney Valley Road  
Suite 154  
Towson, MD 21204  
Phone Orders  
(301) 574-2243

## WWF ACTION FIGURES BY ONLY \$10.49



A "New" Hulk Hogan	D Honky Tonk Man	K Kamala	R The Referee
B Demolition Ax	E Ted DiBiase	L Jake the Snake Roberts	S Slick
C Bam Bam Bigelow	F Hacksaw Jim Duggan	M Adrian Adonis	T Ken Patera
	G "New" Tito Santana	N Vince McMahon	
	H Rick Martel	O Outback Jack	
	I One Man Gang	P Billy Jack Haynes	
	J Koko B Ware	Q Harley Race	



The BRITISH BULLDOGS Tag Team Set ... \$20.99



**ORDER NOW ...  
IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS**

FIGURE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
QUANTITY																				

To order ACTION FIGURES circle letter and fill in quantity.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
	ACTION FIGURES A-T	\$10.49	
	THE BRITISH BULLDOG TAG TEAM SET	\$20.99	
	WWF WRESTLING RING	\$19.99	
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		
	MD RESIDENTS ADD 5% SALES TAX		
	HANDLING CHARGES (*See chart)		
	OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. \$5.00		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		
	FREE Merchandise Catalogue with every order		

\*PLEASE INCLUDE POSTAGE AND HANDLING USING THIS CHART

Up to \$24.00.....\$2.75	\$40.00 - \$49.99.....\$4.75	\$75.00 or more.....\$6.75
\$24.01 - \$39.99.....\$3.75	\$50.00 - \$74.99.....\$5.75	

2-10 DAY DELIVERY DEPENDING ON STOCK AVAILABILITY. CHECKS HELD FOR BANK CLEARANCE.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_



### PLEASE INDICATE METHOD OF PAYMENT

- ☐ Check or Money Order  
☐ Mastercard  
☐ VISA



YOUR CARD NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(Have you filled out your credit card no.?)

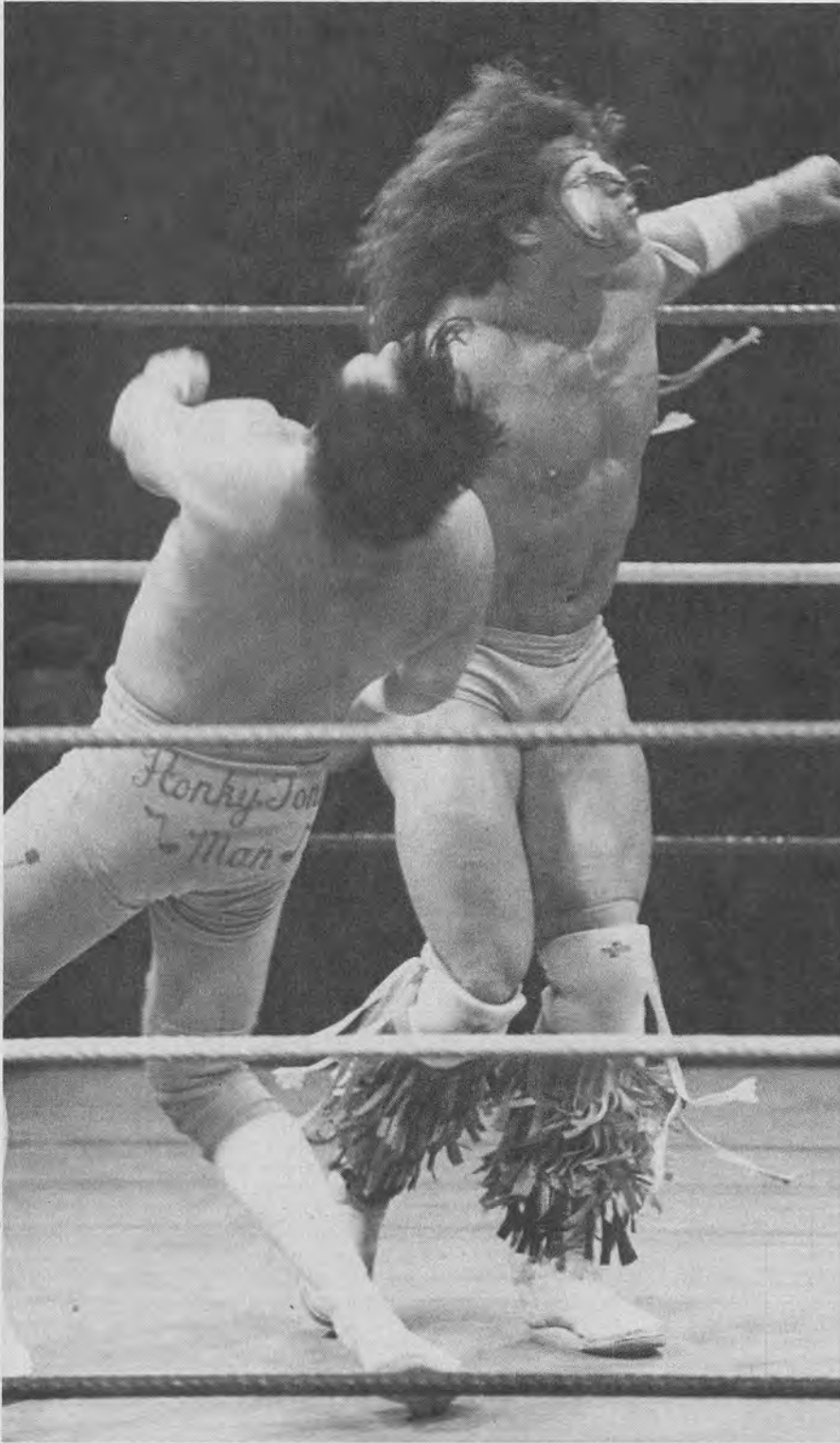
MO/YR

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

INW3

# ULTIMATE WARRIOR

(Continued from page 37)



The Warrior clotheslines Honky Tonk (above), who retaliates with some powder in the face to save his manager Jimmy Hart from the Warrior's wrath (top right).

Honky Tonk is a better wrestler, but he's not *that* much better, while the Warrior is simply so much stronger," Senior Editor Bill Apter said. "The Ultimate Warrior is like a machine, he doesn't even *look* human. Sure, he's short on wrestling skills, and I

don't think the guy has any amateur experience, but Honky Tonk isn't exactly Bob Backlund. The man's a coward, while Warrior is incredibly brave. The ultimate destruction isn't too far off."

Once again, the death row image

is stirred up. Honky Tonk is waiting for what he knows can't be avoided. He knows that he must face the Warrior; it is the only way he can regain his beloved Intercontinental belt. But the only way he can hold off the Warrior is by smashing him with his guitar or depending on Jimmy Hart's outside interference. All of these methods, however, involve winning by disqualification.

He knows that he must score a



clean pin over the Warrior if he is to regain the title.

And he knows that to do that, he must beat the Warrior in man-to-man, one-on-one combat—with no foreign objects and no Jimmy Hart.

And he knows that's impossible.

So he sits and waits for the time when he must face the Warrior in a clean match, knowing it will mean his destruction. Honky Tonk has put it off for so long, but now he must step into the steel cage. He is a doomed man, waiting on death row for his final sentence.

How will this sentence be carried out? It would be foolish to think that the Warrior will take pity on his archrival. Honky Tonk has done everything in his power to infuriate the champion. Certainly, smashing a gui-



tar over an opponent's head is no way to evoke sympathy. Nor is throwing powder in his face, or verbally abusing him on national TV. Yes, Honky Tonk has begged for what he is about to receive.

There's no escape.

Honky Tonk has made a practice of running out of the ring when he's in trouble, but he can't run *through* the steel cage.

Jimmy Hart has constantly interfered when his man is in trouble, but he will be kept *outside* the steel cage.



In one of his favorite maneuvers, Honky Tonk smashes the Warrior with his guitar. It's one of the only ways he can beat his more powerful opponent.

And since Honky Tonk will be unable to retrieve his guitar during the match, his last line of defense will have been eliminated.

Yes, it's going to be a scary sight when the Warrior finally gets his hands on Honky Tonk. Although it may not be the bloodiest match of all time, it will certainly go down in wrestling history as one of the most vicious.

It will be an ugly scene. With Honky Tonk lying in a pool of his own blood in the middle of the ring, the Warrior will stick his foot to Honky Tonk's throat for the most humiliating pin possible.

Then, Honky Tonk will have endured the final sentence, and Ultimate Warrior will choose a new man to conquer. ☐

# BACK ISSUES

## ONLY \$3.00 EACH

### WRESTLING SUPERSTARS

Each issue features a spectacular full-color centerfold Action Gallery of one of wrestling's hottest stars.

 Action Gallery: Dusty Rhodes <input type="checkbox"/> FALL/83	 Color Action Gallery: Jimmy Snuka <input type="checkbox"/> WINTER/83	 Color Action Gallery: Tommy Rich <input type="checkbox"/> SPRING/84	 Color Action Gallery: Andre The Giant <input type="checkbox"/> FALL/84	 Color Action Gallery: Billy Jack <input type="checkbox"/> WINTER/84
 Color Action Gallery: Roddy Piper <input type="checkbox"/> SPRING/85	 Color Action Gallery: Kerry Von Erch <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMER/85	 Color Action Gallery: Bruiser Brody <input type="checkbox"/> FALL/86	 Color Action Gallery: Rick Morton <input type="checkbox"/> WINTER/86	 Color Action Gallery: Hulk Hogan <input type="checkbox"/> SPRING/87
 Color Action Gallery: Cage Match Fury <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMER/87	 Color Action Gallery: Rick Steamboat <input type="checkbox"/> FALL/87	 Color Action Gallery: Great American Bash <input type="checkbox"/> WINTER/87	 Color Action Gallery: Randy Savage <input type="checkbox"/> SPRING/88	 Color Action Gallery: Lex Luger <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMER/88
 Color Action Gallery: Sting <input type="checkbox"/> FALL/88	 Color Action Gallery: Rick Ruote <input type="checkbox"/> WINTER/88			

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

**T.V. SPORTS  
BOX 48  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11571**

Please send me the back issues I've checked. I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. FUNDS ONLY  
as payment in full. PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS CLEARLY

In case of a sellout, indicate substitute choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

For all orders except the U.S. and Canada, you *must* add one dollar for every back issue ordered for boat mail, and two dollars for every back issue ordered for airmail.

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery

**ONLY  
\$3.00 EACH**

# A SECOND CHANCE TO CATCH "THE BIG ONES"



PWI  
March 1987



PWI  
March 1988

The year-end issues of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* are always the most anticipated wrestling magazines of the year. And the 1986 and 1987 issues made publishing history. Each issue is a full 100 pages packed with color and the year-end features PWI readers have come to expect. We have limited supplies of these newsstand sell-outs, so don't be disappointed twice. Order your copies today. Only \$5.00 each.

Make check or money order payable and send to:

TV SPORTS  
BOX 48

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11571

Please rush me the magazines I have checked below. I enclose \$5.00 (U.S. FUNDS ONLY) for each one I am ordering.

☐ PWI March 1987  
(1986 Year-End Special)

☐ PWI March 1988  
(1987 Year-End Special)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. funds only. All other countries \$7.00.  
Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

## ON ASSIGNMENT

(Continued from page 18)

WWF," he said flatly. "I battled for five years against everyone they threw after me, and it seemed like I got nowhere nearer any belt. World title shots would have been great. It would have been great to be the first three-time Intercontinental champ ever. But the title matches just weren't coming my way."

It's been almost three years since Muraco gave WWF champion Hulk Hogan one of his most severe battles for the title. "After facing me a few times, Hogan said he would never wrestle me again," Muraco claims. "He was scared to death of me. He knows I should have won the title. He even tried to befriend me after that, but I'd have no part of it."

Was it possible that politics played a hand in diminishing Muraco's main-event status? Was Hogan's fear of the giant Hawaiian the reason for Muraco's diminished role?

"It might have had something to do with it when Hogan was the champion," he says. "After our matches, I didn't expect to wrestle Hogan for a long time. I heard he

put the word in to promoters that he wouldn't accept any matches, tag team or otherwise, against me.

"When he lost the belt, though, I expected title matches. I made it clear that I wanted Randy Savage. I'd paid my dues. I was owed another shot at the championship."

Muraco's usual swagger is laced with disillusionment. Once a black-haired, steel-muscled beach legend, Muraco's weight ballooned following the loss of his second Intercontinental title in early 1984, reaching dangerously plump levels after his feud with Hogan. Many critics feel his lethargic appearance contributed to his decline in the eyes of WWF promoters.

"I got tired of training and started eating everything that didn't move," he explains dispiritedly. "What I really got tired of was the politics of wrestling. It used to be that if you were good enough, you got title shots. You didn't need a gimmick, didn't need a nickname or a pet to be successful. You just needed to kick some butt."



Muraco throws salt at Hulk Hogan during a WWF World title bout in 1985. When he turned fan favorite, Muraco was unable to get matches with Hogan or Randy Savage.



That Muraco was very capable of. A muscleman blessed with speed and brains, Muraco left the beloved shores of Hawaii and embarked on a career that was successful from the outset. He captured the California tag team title with Moondog Mayne in his rookie campaign and has enjoyed success ever since.

Now, approaching his 18th year in the ring, Muraco leaves behind the glitter and glamor of the WWF. Next stop: Stampede and a date with Makhan Singh.

"I'm a wrestler, not a showman," he says. "A wrestler needs goals in order to be his best. All the WWF is interested in is stockpiling the greatest talent in the world. They want to put them in a showcase and say 'Hey, look who we've got.' What happens is there are too many wrestlers and not enough belts. They've got half a dozen world champions wrestling preliminary matches. What's the point? Money will sustain you for a while, but it's not the most important thing in the world. At least to me."

The weight that threatened to consume Muraco has been dropped. A devout weightlifting and aerobic conditioning program has slimmed the veteran down considerably. Muscle has replaced flab. Once again, he is the Hawaiian heartthrob.

"I feel better than I have in years," he says with a smile. "I'm looking forward to wrestling in a smaller federation. The competition will be strong. Makhan Singh is a worthy opponent. At least there'll be the urgency of a championship at stake. After feuding with Greg Valentine for so long, I've forgotten what it's like to wrestle for a title."

He smiles the smile that set 1,000 beach girls' hearts aflutter. "I've lost all this weight, you see, and I need a belt to keep my pants from falling down. A nice, *championship belt*." ☐

# BACK ISSUES

## ONLY \$3.00 EACH

### WRESTLING 84-88

Printed entirely on slick paper, each magnificent issue is jam-packed with at least 16 pages of full-color photos



MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

**T.V. SPORTS  
BOX 48  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11571**

Please send me the back issues I've checked. I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. FUNDS as payment in full. PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS CLEARLY

In case of a sellout, indicate substitute choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

For all orders except the U.S. and Canada, you must add one dollar for every back issue ordered for boat mail, and two dollars for every back issue ordered for airmail.

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery

**ONLY  
\$3.00 EACH**

## COLLISION COURSE

(Continued from page 35)

Express matches. Stan Lane and Bobby Eaton vs. Randy Rose and Dennis Condrey. Cornette vs. Dangerously. Clearly, these two teams will *never* be able to co-exist peacefully within the boundaries of the NWA.

"I've never seen anything this intense," said David Crockett, who was commentating when Dangerously and his men attacked Cornette, Lane, and Eaton during a TV taping. "Dangerously and company have begun one of the most heated rivalries I've ever seen, and it happened so quickly. Man, I don't even want to *think* about what's gonna happen when these teams meet. I've never seen Jim Cornette so upset."

How upset? Cornette has even gone so far as to tell his rich mother to stay out of his business!

"I was there when it happened," claims Lane. "I couldn't believe it, either. Mama Cornette didn't want to see Jim get hurt any worse than he did on television, and she begged us not to get involved with Dangerously. But Jim stood right up to her and said that this was the most important issue of *all* of our careers, and demanded that she not get involved. I'm really proud of the guy—it was amazing."

Almost as amazing as the now-infamous television taping on November 2 at the WTBS studios in Atlanta. Eaton was not able to wrestle, as he was still nursing injuries suffered when his team lost the NWA World tag team title to The Road Warriors four days earlier in New Orleans. Lane opted to wrestle in a singles match against Menace II while Eaton looked on and Cornette provided TV commentary.

"All we had on our minds was getting our World title back," recalled Eaton. "We had no idea we were about to be mugged."



Cornette takes a phone call from Dangerously (above). At the time, Cornette thought Dangerously was thousands of miles away, but he was actually at the WTBS studio. Condrey runs Eaton, his former Midnight Express partner, into the ringpost (below).



Indeed, Cornette didn't realize that the "Original" Midnights were even in the NWA, let alone in the building. Rose, Condrey, and Dangerously attacked Lane and Eaton after Dangerously made a phone call to the announcers' podium to distract Cornette. Then, as Rose and Condrey battered Lane and Eaton in the ring, Dangerously hit Cornette with his portable telephone, causing deep lacerations across his forehead.

"I waited a long time to get my hands on those guys," laughed Condrey. "It was sweet revenge for me, but I'm not satisfied yet.

Now I want to end their careers the way they tried to end mine."

Condrey has never forgiven Cornette for unceremoniously dumping him from The Midnight Express in the spring of 1987. After Lane joined, the team quickly re-established themselves as one of wrestling's best duos. Condrey, on the other hand, disappeared completely—but not for long.

During the autumn of '87, Dangerously introduced *his* version of The Midnight Express—reuniting original members Condrey and Rose—to startled AWA fans. Rusty at first, Rose and Condrey never-



Here comes total war!

# INSIDE WRESTLING'S OFFICIAL RATINGS

## TOP 15

- 1—**RANDY SAVAGE**  
WWF World champion
- 2—**RIC FLAIR**  
NWA World champion
- 3—**JERRY LAWLER**  
AWA World champion

- 4—**LEX LUGER**  
No. 2 contender: NWA title
- 5—**KERRY VON ERICH**  
World Class heavyweight champ
- 6—**BARRY WINDHAM**  
U.S. heavyweight champion
- 7—**ANDRE THE GIANT**  
No. 2 contender: WWF title

- 8—**HULK HOGAN**  
No. 3 contender: WWF title
- 9—**ULTIMATE WARRIOR**  
WWF Intercontinental champ
- 10—**STING**  
No. 3 contender: NWA title
- 11—**RONNIE GARVIN**  
AWA TV & WWC Universal champ

- 12—**MAKHAN SINGH**  
Stampede North American champ
- 13—**THE HONKY TONK MAN**  
No. 1 contender: WWF I-C title
- 14—**ICEMAN PARSONS**  
World Class Texas champion
- 15—**JEFF JARRETT**  
WCCW light heavyweight champ

## NWA

- 1—**RIC FLAIR**  
243, Minneapolis, MN
- 2—**BARRY WINDHAM**  
263, Sweetwater, TX
- 3—**LEX LUGER**  
268, Chicago, IL

- 4—**RICK STEINER**  
248, Detroit, MI
- 5—**STING**  
260, Venice Beach, CA
- 6—**BAM BAM BIGELOW**  
368, Mt. Laurel, NJ
- 7—**DUSTY RHODES**  
302, Austin, TX

- 8—**MIKE ROTUNDO**  
245, Syracuse, NY
- 9—**STEVE WILLIAMS**  
265, Norman, OK
- 10—**NIKITA KOLOFF**  
275, Moscow, Russia
- 11—**EDDIE GILBERT**  
222, Lexington, TN

- 12—**LARRY ZBYSZKO**  
248, Pittsburgh, PA
- 13—**AL PEREZ**  
238, Tampa, FL
- 14—**RON SIMMONS**  
260, Perry, GA
- 15—**IVAN KOLOFF**  
249, Moscow, Russia

## AWA

- 1—**JERRY LAWLER**  
234, Memphis, TN
- 2—**RONNIE GARVIN**  
231, Montreal, Quebec
- 3—**KERRY VON ERICH**  
260, Denton, TX

- 4—**WAHOO McDANIEL**  
280, Midland, TX
- 5—**GREG GAGNE**  
220, Robbinsdale, MN
- 6—**COL. DeBEERS**  
248, Cape Town, South Africa
- 7—**MANNY FERNANDEZ**  
245, El Paso, TX

- 8—**SGT. SLAUGHTER**  
310, Parris Island, SC
- 9—**JEFF JARRETT**  
200, Hendersonville, TN
- 10—**MANDO GUERRERO**  
225, Mexico City, Mexico
- 11—**ROBERT GIBSON**  
225, Pensacola, FL

- 12—**JIMMY JACK FUNK**  
243, Portland OR
- 13—**ICEMAN PARSONS**  
245, St. Louis, MO
- 14—**BRIAN LEE**  
242, St. Petersburg, FL
- 15—**CHAVO GUERRERO**  
231, Mexico City, Mexico

## WWF

- 1—**RANDY SAVAGE**  
245, Sarasota, FL
- 2—**ULTIMATE WARRIOR**  
280, Queens, NY
- 3—**ANDRE THE GIANT**  
497, Grenoble, France

- 4—**HULK HOGAN**  
302, Venice Beach, CA
- 5—**BIG BOSSMAN**  
348, Cobb County, GA
- 6—**BAD NEWS BROWN**  
280, New York, NY
- 7—**KING HAKU**  
270, Tonga

- 8—**THE HONKY TONK MAN**  
255, Memphis, TN
- 9—**HACKSAW DUGGAN**  
280, Glens Falls, NY
- 10—**TED DiBIASE**  
247, Omaha, NE
- 11—**HERCULES**  
255, Tampa, FL

- 12—**DINO BRAVO**  
246, Montreal, Quebec
- 13—**CURT HENNIG**  
235, Minneapolis, MN
- 14—**RICK RUDE**  
246, Robbinsdale, MN
- 15—**JAKE ROBERTS**  
246, Stone Mountain, GA

## MOST POPULAR

- 1—**HULK HOGAN**  
Last month: No. 2 Most Popular
- 2—**RANDY SAVAGE**  
Last month: No. 1 Most Popular
- 3—**STING**  
Last month: No. 3 Most Popular

- 4—**HACKSAW DUGGAN**  
Last month: No. 4 Most Popular
- 5—**LEX LUGER**  
Last month: No. 5 Most Popular
- 6—**ULTIMATE WARRIOR**  
Last month: No. 6 Most Popular
- 7—**RICK STEINER**  
Last month: No. 14 Most Popular

- 8—**DUSTY RHODES**  
Last month: No. 7 Most Popular
- 9—**KERRY VON ERICH**  
Last month: No. 9 Most Popular
- 10—**JAKE ROBERTS**  
Last month: No. 10 Most Popular
- 11—**JERRY LAWLER**  
Last month: No. 8 Most Popular

- 12—**HERCULES**  
Last month: No. 15 Most Popular
- 13—**SGT. SLAUGHTER**  
Last month: No. 12 Most Popular
- 14—**JEFF JARRETT**  
Last month: unrated
- 15—**BAM BAM BIGELOW**  
Last month: unrated

## MOST HATED

- 1—**BIG BOSSMAN**  
Last month: No. 3 Most Hated
- 2—**ANDRE THE GIANT**  
Last month: No. 1 Most Hated
- 3—**RIC FLAIR**  
Last month: No. 2 Most Hated

- 4—**BARRY WINDHAM**  
Last month: No. 4 Most Hated
- 5—**RICK RUDE**  
Last month: No. 6 Most Hated
- 6—**TED DiBIASE**  
Last month: No. 5 Most Hated
- 7—**THE HONKY TONK MAN**  
Last month: No. 7 Most Hated

- 8—**STEVE WILLIAMS**  
Last month: unrated
- 9—**KEVIN SULLIVAN**  
Last month: No. 8 Most Hated
- 10—**DINO BRAVO**  
Last month: No. 13 Most Hated
- 11—**COL. DeBEERS**  
Last month: No. 9 Most Hated

- 12—**MIKE ROTUNDO**  
Last month: unrated
- 13—**BAD NEWS BROWN**  
Last month: unrated
- 14—**ICEMAN PARSONS**  
Last month: No. 15 Most Hated
- 15—**VULKAN SINGH**  
Last month: unrated

## TAG TEAMS

- 1—**THE ROAD WARRIORS**  
NWA World tag team champions
- 2—**DEMOLITION**  
WWF World tag team champions
- 3—**PAT TANAKA & PAUL DIAMOND**  
AWA World tag team champions
- 4—**THE FANTASTICS**  
No. 1 contenders: U.S. tag team title
- 5—**STAN LANE & BOBBY EATON**  
No. 1 contenders: NWA tag team title

- 6—**THE WARLORD & THE BARBARIAN**  
No. 1 contenders: WWF tag team title
- 7—**THE SAMOAN SWAT TEAM**  
World Class tag team champions
- 8—**JACQUES & RAYMOND ROUGEAU**  
No. 2 contenders: WWF tag team title
- 9—**DENNIS CONDREY & RANDY ROSE**  
No. 2 contenders: NWA tag team title
- 10—**TULLY BLANCHARD & ARN ANDERSON**  
No. 3 contenders: WWF tag team title

- 11—**THE HART FOUNDATION**  
No. 4 contenders: WWF tag team title
- 12—**MICHAEL HAYES & STEVE COX**  
No. 1 contenders: World Class tag team title
- 13—**ROBERT FULLER & JIMMY GOLDEN**  
CWA tag team champions
- 14—**EDDIE GILBERT & RON SIMMONS**  
No. 2 contenders: U.S. tag team title
- 15—**THE CUBAN COMMANDOS**  
Stampede International tag team champions



These ratings are compiled by the editors with the assistance of promoters, wrestlers, and reporters around the country, and are based on won-lost records for the past month, quality of opposition, and the inherent skill of each wrestler . . . "Most Popular" and "Most Hated" ratings are based on nationwide surveys of wrestling fans and on mail that comes to our offices . . . Championships marked with asterisks on the "Roll Call of Champions" indicate title changes that have taken place since our previous issue . . . The information under the championship listing indicates the date that champion won the title, who the former champion was, and where the match took place .

For period ended December 1, 1988

# ROLL CALL OF CHAMPIONS

## ALL-CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING CHAMPION:

**CHAVO GUERRERO**

(September 23, 1988; from Jack Armstrong; Lancaster, CA)

## ALL-CALIFORNIA TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:

**PETER MAIVIA JR. & MANDO GUERRERO**

(September 24, 1988; from The Lords of Discipline; Victorville, CA)

## ALL-JAPAN ASIAN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:

**SHINICHI NAKANO & SHUNJI CAKANO**

(September 9, 1988; from Takashi Kamada & Sampson Fuyuki; Chiba, Japan)

## ALL-JAPAN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION: JUMBO TSURUTA

(April 14, 1988; from Bruiser Brody; Sendai, Japan)

## ALL-JAPAN INTERNATIONAL TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:

**JUMBO TSURUTA & YOSHIKI YATSU**

(July 31, 1988; from Stan Hansen & Terry Gordy; Hakodate, Japan)

## ALL-JAPAN JR. HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: MASANOBU FUCHI

(January 3, 1987; from Kuniaki Kobayashi; Tokyo, Japan)

## ALL-JAPAN UNITED NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: STAN HANSEN

(July 27, 1988; from Genichiro Tenryu; Nagano, Japan)

## ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION: TITLE HELD UP

(most recently held by Chigusa Nagayo)

## ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S CHAMPION: MIKA KOMATSU

(July 10, 1988; from Yumi Ogura; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)

## ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:

**MIKA KOMATSU & YUMI OGURA**

(August 25, 1988; from Yumiko Hotta & Mitsuko Nishiwaki; Kawasaki, Japan)

## AWA TV CHAMPION: RON GARVIN

(September 17, 1988; from Greg Gagne; Nashville, TN)

## \* AWA WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPION: WENDI RICHTER

(November 26, 1988; from Madusa Miceli; Minneapolis, MN)

## AWA WORLD CHAMPION: JERRY LAWLER

(May 9, 1988; from Curt Hennig; Memphis, TN)

## AWA WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: PAT TANAKA & PAUL DIAMOND

(March 19, 1988; from The Midnight Rockers; Las Vegas, NV)

## BRITISH COMMONWEALTH CHAMPION: JOHNNY SMITH

(June 24, 1988; from Chris Benoit; Calgary, Alberta)

## CONTINENTAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: TOM PRICHARD

(October 3, 1988; tournament final over Tony Anthony; Birmingham, AL)

## \* CONTINENTAL TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:

**JERRY STUBBS & TONY ANTHONY**

(November 11, 1988; tournament final over Brad Armstrong & The Bullet; Birmingham, AL)

## CONTINENTAL U.S. JR. HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: KEN WAYNE

(August 8, 1988; from Dan Davis; Birmingham, AL)

## \* CWA CHAMPION: BRIAN LEE

(November 20, 1988; tournament final over Mike Miller; Memphis, TN)

## \* CWA TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: ROBERT FULLER & JIMMY GOLDEN

(November 7, 1988; from Cactus Jack & Gary Young; Memphis, TN)

## \* FLORIDA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING CHAMPION: U.S. STEEL

(November 9, 1988; from Dick Slater; Tampa, FL)

## FLORIDA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING JR. HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION:

**TYREE PRIDE**

(September 24, 1988; from Denny Brown; Nassau, Bahamas)

## \* FLORIDA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:

**THE NASTY BOYS**

(November 5, 1988; from Johnny Ace & The Terminator; Nassau, Bahamas)

## IWGP CHAMPION: TATSUMI FUJINAMI

(June 24, 1988; over Riki Choshu; Osaka, Japan)

## IWGP INTERNATIONAL TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:

**MASA SAITO & RIKI CHOSHU**

(June 10, 1988; from Tatsumi Fujinami & Kengo Kimura; Hiroshima, Japan)

## IWGP JR. HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: SHIRO KOSHINAKA

(June 24, 1988; from Owen Hart; Osaka, Japan)

## NWA SIX-MAN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: TITLE VACANT

(most recently held by Dusty Rhodes & The Road Warriors)

## NWA TV CHAMPION: MIKE ROTUNDO

(January 26, 1988; from Nikita Koloff; Raleigh, NC)

## NWA WORLD CHAMPION: RIC FLAIR

(November 26, 1987; from Ronnie Garvin; Chicago, IL)

## \* NWA WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: THE ROAD WARRIORS

(October 29, 1988; from The Midnight Express; New Orleans, LA)

## NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATION CHAMPION: JULES STRONGBOW

(by NWF officials' decision)

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAMPION: TATSUMI FUJINAMI

(October 15, 1988; from The Grappler; Portland, OR)

## \* PACIFIC NORTHWEST TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:

**THE GRAPPLER & ABUGHDADIEN**

(October 29, 1988; from Steve Doll & Scott Peterson; Portland, OR)

## PWF CHAMPION: STAN HANSEN

(July 27, 1988; from Genichiro Tenryu; Nagano, Japan)

## PWF TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: JUMBO TSURUTA & YOSHIKI YATSU

(August 30, 1988; from Genichiro Tenryu & Ashura Hara; Osaka, Japan)

## STAMPEDE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPION: MAKHAN SINGH

(May 6, 1988; from Owen Hart; Calgary, Alberta)

## \* STAMPEDE INTERNATIONAL TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:

**JERRY MORROW & CUBAN ASSASSIN**

(October 28, 1988; from Lance Idol & Chris Benoit; Calgary, Alberta)

## U.S. CHAMPION: BARRY WINDHAM

(May 13, 1988; tournament final over Nikita Koloff; Houston, TX)

## U.S. TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: TITLE VACANT

(most recently held by The Midnight Express)

## WESTERN STATES CHAMPION: LARRY ZBYSZKO

(January 24, 1988; from Barry Windham; Uniondale, NY)

## \* WORLD CLASS CHAMPION: KERRY VON ERICH

(November 4, 1988; from Jerry Lawler; Dallas, TX)

## \* WORLD CLASS LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: JEFF JARRETT

(November 24, 1988; from Eric Embry; Jackson, TN)

## WORLD CLASS SIX-MAN CHAMPIONS:

**KERRY VON ERICH, KEVIN VON ERICH, & MICHAEL HAYES**

(July 8, 1988; from Iceman Parsons, Kamala, & Buddy Roberts; Dallas, TX)

## WORLD CLASS TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: THE SAMOAN SWAT TEAM

(October 17, 1988; from Michael Hayes & Steve Cox; Ft. Worth, TX)

## WORLD CLASS TEXAS CHAMPION: ICEMAN PARSONS

(August 5, 1988; from Kerry Von Erich, substituting for Kevin Von Erich; Dallas, TX)

## \* WWC CARIBBEAN CHAMPION: JASON THE TERRIBLE

(November 19, 1988; from TNT; Carolina, Puerto Rico)

## WWC CARIBBEAN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:

**MIGUEL PEREZ JR. & HURRICANE CASTILLO JR.**

(October 15, 1988; from Bobby Jagers & Dan Kroffat; Bayamon; Puerto Rico)

## \* WWC JR. HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: EL PROPHET

(November 16, 1988; from Invader III; Catayno, Puerto Rico)

## WWC NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPION: ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER

(January 30, 1988; from Miguel Perez Jr.; San Juan, Puerto Rico)

## WWC PUERTO RICAN CHAMPION: RICKY SANTANA

(August 6, 1988; from Super Black Ninja; San Juan, Puerto Rico)

## \* WWC TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: BART & BRAD BATTEN

(November 12, 1988; from Ron & Chicky Starr; Caguas, Puerto Rico)

## \* WWC UNIVERSAL CHAMPION: RON GARVIN

(November 24, 1988; tournament final over Carlos Colon; Carolina, Puerto Rico)

## WWC WOMEN'S CHAMPION: WENDI RICHTER

(July 28, 1987; from Monster Ripper; Trinidad, West Indies)

## WWF INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPION: THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR

(August 29, 1988; from The Honky Tonk Man; New York, NY)

## WWF WORLD CHAMPION: RANDY SAVAGE

(March 27, 1988; tournament final over Ted DiBiase; Atlantic City, NJ)

## WWF WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: DEMOLITION

(March 27, 1988; from Rick Martel & Tito Santana; Atlantic City, NJ)

## WWF WOMEN'S CHAMPION: ROCKIN' ROBIN

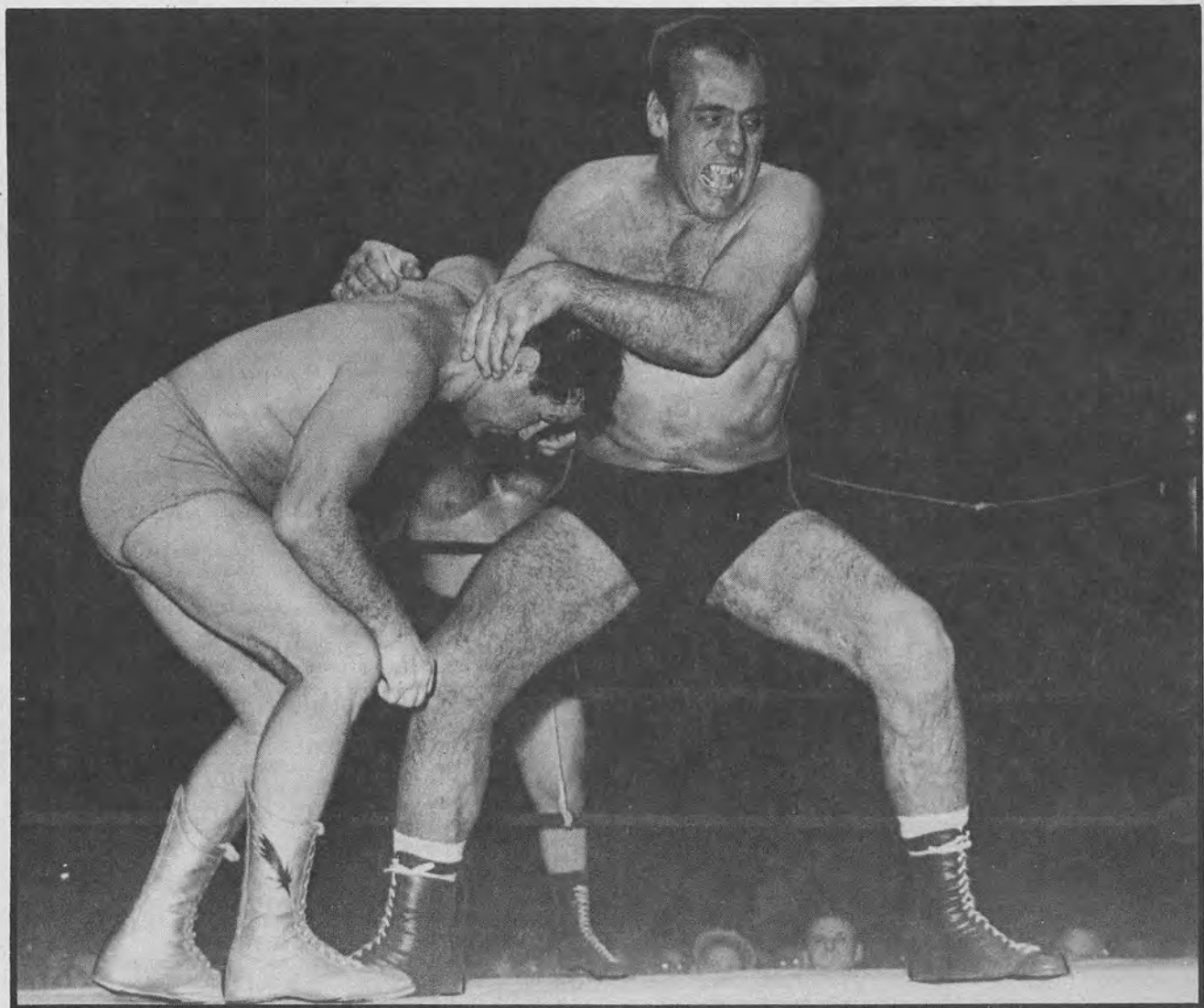
(October 7, 1988; from Sherri Martel; Paris, France)

## WWF WOMEN'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: LELANI KAI & JUDY MARTIN

(June 8, 1988; from The Jumping Bomb Angels; Omiya City, Japan)

# ***Blast From The Past*** ***This Month In Wrestling History***

**“THE SECOND COMING OF A CHAMPION”**



**PRIMO CARNERA & BRUNO SAMMARTINO**

**vs.**

**THE CRUSHER & DANNY McSHANE**

**January 23, 1961**

Thirty-one years after making his Madison Square Garden debut as a boxer, former heavyweight champion Primo Carnera prepares to hurl Danny McShane through the ring ropes. The 6'6" Carnera and the young Sammartino rocked a crowd of 14,753 as they defeated their rulebreaking opponents in two straight falls. Although this match wasn't the main event (Antonino Rocca and Johnny Valentine vs. The Fabulous Kangaroos was), the majority of the fans came to see the 54-year-old Carnera, making his second—and final—attempt at becoming a wrestling star after leaving boxing in 1946.



# **COMING FEBRUARY 7...**

**BECAUSE YOU DEMANDED IT!**

***A Very Special  
Collector's Issue Of***



**THE WORLD'S MOST RESPECTED STAFF  
OF PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REPORTERS BRINGS YOU  
FULL-COLOR COVERAGE OF**

**THE SURVIVOR SERIES  
SUPERCLASH III  
BATTLESTARR 88  
CLASH OF THE CHAMPIONS—  
"SEASON'S BEATINGS"**

**DYNAMIC BONUS COLOR SECTION WILL TAKE YOU RINGSIDE FOR ALL  
THE ACTION AND DRAMA OF WRESTLING'S AMAZING FALL SEASON!**

**THIS SPECIAL ISSUE OF *INSIDE WRESTLING* IS COVER-DATED APRIL 1989  
AND GOES ON SALE FEBRUARY 7—YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

***THE BEST IN WRESTLING JOURNALISM—BECAUSE YOU WON'T  
SETTLE FOR LESS!***





OFFER EXPIRES  
JANUARY 31, 1989. ORDERS  
POSTMARKED AFTER THAT DATE WILL  
BE AT THE REGULAR PRICE OF \$11.99 EACH

Only  
**\$9.89** each  
reg. ~~\$11.99~~ ea.



QTY	#	DESCRIPTION	QTY	#	DESCRIPTION	QUAN	Description	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
	5602	"New" Hulk Hogan (Limited Edition)	5607		Honky Tonk Man		ACTION FIGURES, checked at left	\$9.89	
	5529	Original Hulk Hogan (limited quantities)	5609		Bam Bam Bigelow	5641	STRIKE FORCE TAGTEAM	\$23.98	
	5595	Jumping Jim Brunzell	5604		Ted Dibiase	5517	HART FOUNDATION TAGTEAM	\$23.98	
	5596	B. Brian Blair	5606		One Man Gang	5456	THE BRITISH BULLDOGS TAGTEAM	\$23.98	
	5461	Kamala	5623		Hacksaw Jim Duggan	5431	16" ROWDY RODDY PIPER	\$24.99	
	5479	Adrian Adonis	5603		Rick Martel	5420	WWF WRESTLING RING	\$16.99	
	5449	Harley Race	5421		"New" Tito Santana (not pictured)	5426	WWF STEEL CAGE ACCESSORY	\$14.99	
	5598	Vince McMahon	5619		Billy Jack Haynes		SHIRTS, OUTFITS & NOVELTIES CATALOG	\$2.00	
	5462	Koko B Ware	5528		The Referee	PLEASE INCLUDE POSTAGE AND HANDLING USING THIS CHART Up to \$24.00 ..... \$2.75 \$24.01 - \$39.99 ..... \$3.75 \$40.00 - \$49.99 ..... \$4.75 \$50.00 - \$74.99 ..... \$5.75 \$75.00 or more ..... \$6.75 <b>Outside Continental U.S.            Include appropriate S/H            plus \$7.50</b>			SUB TOTAL
	5463	Outback Jack	5473		Ted Arcidi				MD Residents add 5% Sales Tax
	5477	Jake the Snake Roberts	5527		Johnny Valiant				
	5624	Slick	5474		Hercules Hernandez				
	5601	Ken Patera	5429		Miss Elizabeth	<b>PLEASE INDICATE METHOD OF PAYMENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard (16 digits) <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> VISA (13 or 16 digits) <b>YOUR CARD NUMBER</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 2px 0;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 2px 0;"></div> (Have you filled out your credit card no. completely?) <b>SIGNATURE</b> _____ <b>MO/YR</b> ____/____/____			HANDLING CHARGES (See Chart) Outside Continental U.S. include Handling Charge plus \$7.50
	5622	Demolition Ax	5427		Randy Savage				TOTAL
NAME _____ <b>INW-MJ</b> ADDRESS _____ APT # _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE (     ) _____						Please allow 2 weeks delivery depending on stock availability. All merchandise is shipped UPS			

The Wrestling Ring, your Official Wrestling Connection, is the largest distributor of WWF Action Figures in the country. We guarantee that you will receive your merchandise. All Action Figures are now in stock & ready for delivery. **The Wrestling Ring** guarantees your purchase. If for any reason you are not completely satisfied with your purchase you may return it in 30 days – in its original condition for full credit, exchange, or refund. **Satisfaction is our goal.**